

ROSSILYNNE SKENA

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Editor in Chief *The Daily Collegian* *May 2009-present*

- Managing the 200-member news division at The Daily Collegian, an independent, student-run daily newspaper with a circulation of about 20,000 in State College, Pa.
- Overseeing the newspaper from ideas to final product, holding responsibility for all news content.
- Editing Opinion page, holding final responsibility for editorial content.
- Working with Board of Editors on staff initiatives like Web site and reporting improvements.
- Serving as a voting member on the Collegian's Board of Directors and as a member of the Collegian's management team.

Investigative Team Leader *The Daily Collegian* *Spring 2009*

- Coordinated in-depth coverage with a team of reporters.
- Wrote long-form, narrative, issue-based journalism; assisted editors with stories as needed.

Metro Editor, Campus Editor *The Daily Collegian* *Fall 2007-Fall 2008*

- Managed staffs of about 15 reporters and trained candidates to be reporters.
- Assigned stories; edited for content and AP style; checked for accuracy and guarded against libel.
- Participated in the Board of Opinion.
- Coordinated coverage of Election 2008, of Penn State's 46-hour dance marathon and of a downtown riot after Penn State beat Ohio State in 2008; broke story about a drug incident involving Penn State football players.

Reporting Intern, Stringer *Valley News Dispatch* *Summer 2008, 2009*

- Wrote more than 40 articles in 13 weeks, including hard news, feature stories and long-form pieces. Covered council meetings and festivals; wrote human interest stories.

Senior Crime and Courts Reporter *The Daily Collegian* *Summer 2007*

- Wrote at least three stories each week covering on- and off-campus crime, fires and court cases.
- Attended daily police briefings and multiple court hearings.

Senior Greeks Reporter *The Daily Collegian* *Spring 2007*

- Covered Thon, live blogging and writing at least 10 web updates and print stories in one weekend.
- Covered breaking news about greek life, as well as philanthropies and events.

EDUCATION

Class of 2010 *The Pennsylvania State University* *University Park*

- Journalism (print) major, Women's Studies major
- 3.62 GPA; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society member

Class of 2006 *Penn-Trafford High School* *Harrison City, Pa.*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- *Awards:* Katey Lehman Creative Writing Award in Journalism (3rd place); *Scholarships:* Press Club of Western Pennsylvania; Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh; Collegian Alumni Hall of Fame; Kent A. Petersen memorial; A.W. (Dude) McDowell memorial *2008, 2009*

References available.