

Nathan Spicer

Profile

English major with Creative Writing and Communications minors. Experience with web and graphic design. Occupational backgrounds in writing, editing, technical support, teaching, and customer service. Strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills. Flexible and adaptable to change. Keen intuition regarding customer desires. Eager to assist coworkers and cultivate team success. Well-traveled. Conceptual. Creative. Committed.

Experience

BlockShopper.com

(2011, remote & current position)

Head Writer

- Compose both minor and major real-estate features for publications such as The San Francisco Chronicle, The Houston Chronicle and The Pioneer Press
- Interview subjects in the real-estate field, from photographers to architects to agents, and retrieve the most significant and newsworthy information
- Instruct other writers on proper methodology and practices to ensure their output fits within the company's objective

PasteMagazine.com

(2011, Decatur, GA)

Editorial Intern

- Composed a variety of news stories related to music, film, television and gaming, including features and minor articles that all used SEO optimization techniques and AP style
- Interviewed numerous artists and produced pieces related to the discussion, making sure to frame it in *Paste's* voice while keeping the heart of the conversation intact
- Responsible for handling a multitude of social-networking tasks related to Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, Digg, etc.

Sunshine State News

(2010, Tallahassee, FL)

Web Editor

- Conceptualized and designed visual components for stories, advertisements, and marketing promotions
- Helped increase site visitation by over 60% since my hiring
- Managed the layout and functionality of the site as well as assisting with social networking promotions, copyediting, writing, and photographic tasks.

Carnegie Mellon University

(2005 & 2009, Pittsburgh, PA)

Teaching Assistant for Gifted Students

- Instructed gifted elementary and junior-high students in problem solving strategies that challenged and developed concepts in mathematics and astronomy
- Assisted teachers in creating innovative learning activities and designing original games for students
- Cultivated effective methods of teaching that kept students attentive and eager to learn

Flagler College IT Dept

(2004-2008, St. Augustine, FL)

Technical Support

- Resolved user complications as part of an IT help desk serving more than 2,000 students and staff
- Implemented problem solving strategies while collaborating with the department to repair malfunctioning computer hardware and software
- Instructed students in effectively and efficiently utilizing software

Freelance Writing Examples

TopTENReviews .com

- Created review sites for CSS products, MP3 Software, MP3 Conversion software
- Wrote articles about the more esoteric information related to each of the aforementioned categories
- Managed all publication within TopTENReview's CMS system

Austin City Limits Live

- Wrote blurbs about a Janet Jackson and Robyn

CommonCreativ Atlanta

- Wrote a feature profile of a local artist

Education

Florida State University

(2008-2009, Tallahassee, FL)

- Certificate in Publishing and Editing
- Certificate in Web Design

Flagler College

(2004-2008, St. Augustine, FL)

- Bachelor of Arts in English (3.3 GPA)
- Minors in Creative Writing and Communications
- Member of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society

Computer Skills

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- Dreamweaver
- Fireworks & Flash
- Audio editing (Audacity, Music Maker 16, FruityLoops)
- Video editing (iMovie, Adobe Flash)
- 100 words per minute