SARAH G. WAGNER

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, NC

Aug 2021 - May 2025

B.A., Media and Journalism (Advertising and Public Relations Concentration); Entrepreneurship Minor

IES Abroad – Barcelona, Spain

May – July 2023

Explored Spanish culture and consumer behavior while gaining insight into international branding and market trends.

London School of Economics and Political Science – London, England

June - July 2022

Immersed in global business concepts through intensive marketing and economics coursework.

Sail Caribbean – British Virgin Islands and Leeward Islands

June 2022

Completed 8 multi-location sailing trips with zero incidents, demonstrating advanced navigation and decision-making skills while coordinating with a 10-person team in high-pressure conditions.

EXPERIENCE

Digital Marketing Lead - Carolina Harm Reduction Union | Chapel Hill, NC

Feb 2025 - Present

- Execute a targeted Instagram strategy to elevate association footprint and build community engagement.
- Organize post preparation and scheduling with thoroughness to optimize social media visibility, meet weekly benchmarks, and work with the team of 5 directors, verifying compliance with industry guidelines like the CDC.

Marketing Assistant – ValSource Inc. | Remote

Feb 2024 – Present

- Lead marketing efforts for ValSource and its partners (PIMSHQ, EPREX), supporting rebranding campaigns and streamlining internal communications for ~400 employees through Microsoft 365.
- Create and manage digital content across HubSpot, WordPress, and Canva, including 300 social media posts and redesigned marketing collateral, driving 216K+ LinkedIn impressions and 7.5K+ engagements.
- Partner weekly with the Senior Marketing Director to align on tactics, arrange logistics for 70+ annual global events, and oversee branded promotional items, ensuring timely delivery and consistent visual presence.

Account Associate – HeelPrint | Chapel Hill, NC

Jan - March 2024

- Directed account by curating and leveraging a media list of 30 local outlets to secure speaking opportunities at events and educational institutions, strengthening the client's reputation.
- Collaborated to amplify client recognition across 3 platforms, increasing digital impact and regional service awareness.

Entrepreneurship Mentor – The Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship | Chapel Hill, NC

Oct 2023 - May 2024

- Co-facilitated entrepreneurial workshops for 40 students, building practical skills through immersive exercises, one-on-one mentorship, and ongoing peer sessions.
- Contributed to 3 planning discussions per workshop with program supervisors to shape curriculum and framework.

Brand Ambassador – Hussman School of Journalism and Media | Chapel Hill, NC

Aug 2023 – Present

- Serve as a representative and brand ambassador for Hussman, promoting the program's value to prospective students and industry stakeholders through 2-4 hours per week of events, presentations, and targeted outreach.
- Spearhead involvement of ~40 faculty and alumni to maximize program exposure, identity, and progression.

Marketing and Social Media Intern – Oliver and Co. Social Media Marketing | Remote

Jan – May 2023

- Developed engaging social media material for 6 diverse businesses like Korchmar and SlumberPod, including blogs, captions, and graphics, maintaining cohesive online profiles.
- Delivered 5 end-of-month reports to founder, summarizing key performance insights and growth across each campaign.

Marketing Intern – Sokal Media Group | Raleigh, NC

May 2022

- Pitched innovative marketing concepts in 4 leadership meetings, influencing creative decisions and expanding direction.
- Orchestrated a TikTok initiative alongside a 6-person marketing team, resulting in a 27% increase in reach.

Senior Sailing Counselor – *YMCA Camp Seafarer* | Arapahoe, NC

June – Aug 2021, July – Aug 2023

- Guided children ages 7+ in a positive, growth-oriented environment while teaching foundational sailing techniques.
- Supervised a cabin of 12 campers, inspiring leadership development and teamwork through structured activities.