

# Michael Auslen

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## EDUCATION

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### Indiana University

**Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude, with honors***

Majors: Journalism; political science

Certificate: Informatics and computing

Honors thesis in journalism: "Polarized free press: A life cycle of news media in America"

Bloomington, Ind.

Graduated May 2014

Minors: Spanish; history

**Herman B Wells Scholar:** Full scholarship for academics, leadership and service; one of 20 in graduating class.

**Ernie Pyle Scholar:** Selective, four-year journalism honors program; one of 12 in graduating class.

**Kappa Tau Alpha:** National honorary society recognizing academic distinction in mass communication.

**Elvis J. Stahr Distinguished Senior Award:** One of five top seniors in academics and campus leadership.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Tampa Bay Times and Miami Herald

**State politics and government reporter**

Report on statewide policy and politics in America's third-largest state. Primarily cover health care, the economy, justice and LGBT rights. Write about legislative politics, personalities and the nearly \$80 billion state budget. One of the lead reporters covering Florida's U.S. Senate race. Focus on high-impact stories that expose how decisions by those in power affect people.

Tallahassee, Fla.

January 2015 to present

### The Indianapolis Star

**Pulliam Fellow: Government and education**

Reported on state politics and education. Wrote data-driven stories detailing lack of diversity among gubernatorial appointees and agencies' push to keep public data secret. Chronicled workers' fight to increase the minimum wage. Covered crime news.

Indianapolis, Ind.

June to December 2014

### USA Today

**Investigative reporting intern**

Reported investigative stories and breaking national news. Collaborated on projects about theft in nursing homes and interstate extradition, which won top honors from the National Press Club and watchdog journalism groups.

McLean, Va.

June to August 2013

### Dow Jones

**London business reporting intern**

Wrote business analysis, European economic news and breaking stories on tight deadlines during the 2012 euro zone crisis.

London, U.K.

Early May to late June 2012

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## LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

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### Florida Capitol Press Corps

**Barbara Frye Scholarship Committee**

Coordinate competition for and select recipients of 10-15 scholarships for journalism students. Assist in fundraising.

August 2015 to present

### Indiana University Alumni Association

**Student Media Alumni Association Board**

Serve on a team generating an alumni database and starting a legacy fund for student scholarships and reporting stipends.

April 2016 to present

### Board of Aeons

**Ninety-second Board**

Served on advisory group to university President Michael McRobbie. Made strategic recommendations leaders implemented.

March 2013 to May 2014

### Indiana Daily Student

**Editor-in-chief**

Named top newspaper by Associated Collegiate Press and Columbia University. Created investigative reporting team. Hired staff of 300 and managed budget. **Other positions:** Student Media Board, investigative and political reporter, managing editor.

January to May 2013

### Journalism Student Advisory Board

**Founding chair**

Worked closely with administrators, faculty and alumni in process to merge academic programs into the Media School.

September 2013 to May 2014

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Robert D.G. Lewis First Amendment Award**  
Society of Professional Journalists (national)

**Rhodes Scholarship** 2015 university nominee (1 of 3)

**Eagle Scout** with silver palm