

The Confidence that Ms. Magazine Has Brought to My Future

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The end of this semester marks a year of working for *Ms.* Magazine, and it sadly marks the end of my time as an editorial intern. As such, I hope to reflect on all that I have had the privilege of experiencing with *Ms.* Over this past year, I have had the opportunity to watch *Ms.* grow as an independent, not-for-profit news source, interact with new interns each semester, and learn about what inspires me to work at the intersection of politics and journalism. Most importantly, I have learned the

meaning of being a part of a community working towards a greater good and the feelings attached.

Since July of 2023, I have written the War on Women Report each month, which highlights the top 10 U.S. news events affecting women. Over my time with *Ms.*, I have authored [10 articles](#), with every article teaching me something new along the way. When I first started writing the WoW report, I learned about how to utilize the “active voice” in my writing instead of the “passive voice”, which was something I had never worked on up until that point. After writing a few articles, I learned how to develop my voice more as a journalist and how to write pieces in my style. My most recent articles taught me how to develop a story-telling narrative in short pieces and how to communicate complicated political subjects in a simplistic manner.

Beyond writing skills advancement, I have learned a lot about myself personally through my internship with *Ms.* As a female student, learning how to present yourself confidently and positively in professional spaces is a long journey. Because of the RRRH and FSI programs, as well as the kindness extended to me by the entire *Ms.* team, I feel remarkably more confident with myself as a student, a writer, and an activist. I have better knowledge of how I can apply my skills to professional settings. Before starting my internship, I was not sure what I wanted to do after I graduated college, and I did not have the self-confidence to pursue my interests. Although I still am not sure what I would like to do post-graduation, *Ms.* has given me the skills to explore my passions and interests and the confidence to put myself out in professional spaces in the future.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to *Ms.* Magazine and the Newcomb Institute for providing me with countless opportunities to grow and learn. I am sure that *Ms.* will continue to inspire me daily, and it has been a privilege to learn from such a creative and driven team.