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Thank you for considering me. I am very driven and a quick learner. Any work I have done can be made available per request or is accessible via my website: <https://williamdaughtry.wordpress.com>

EXPERIENCE

MAY 2024 – PRESENT

REPORTER AND ANCHOR, ACCESS NORTH GEORGIA / WDUN (GAINESVILLE, GA)

At Access North Georgia / WDUN I had the responsibility of anchoring newscasts on our AM 550 and FM 102.9 stations as well as reporting on local stories. While doing that, I would also report on news that came in and get it onto our website and social media. I pioneered our social media presence, taking it upon myself when I started posting all our content to social media, not just our big stories. This culminated in me becoming a Georgia Association of Broadcasters (GAB) Rising Star for the Class of 2026 and being named an award finalist for the 2026 GABBYs. I also provided video packages covering pressing stories like the Apalachee High School shooting in Barrow County, data center proposals in Maysville and Hall County, a Vulcan Materials Group proposed rock quarry in Jackson County that I covered extensively, interviews with U.S. House and Cabinet members and the 2024 and 2026 elections.

JUNE 2023 – AUGUST 2023

INTERN, WGRZ-2 (BUFFALO, NY)

I worked alongside reporters at channel 2 in Buffalo for the summer, shadowing and learning from them. I interned in different roles, learning from the producing side, directing side, reporting side, and digital side of the newsroom.

MARCH 2022 – AUGUST 2023

CONTRIBUTOR, THE RED AND BLACK (ATHENS, GA)

I contributed stories to the Red and Black, which is the University of Georgia's school paper. I have spent time in-season for the men's and women's tennis beats, showcasing my ability to churn out quality stories.

MAY 2022 – JULY 2022

CONTRIBUTOR, THE CURRENT (SAVANNAH, GA)

I contributed stories to The Current, which is a non-profit digital paper based in Savannah. I was an intern freelancer during the summer of 2022, learning how to package in-depth and investigative stories.

APRIL 2018 – JANUARY 2022

RETAIL SERVICE SPECIALIST, O'REILLY AUTO PARTS (DARIEN, GA; KENNESAW, GA; ATHENS, GA)

I became a manager at O'Reilly Auto at 18-years-old. I worked there until the beginning of my tenure at the Grady School of Journalism and Mass Communication. My duties consisted of delegating tasks to others, answering calls from customers, setting the store design, ringing up transactions, and unloading stock.

Any professional references can be supplied per request

EDUCATION

AUGUST 2021 – MAY 2024

BACHELOR'S IN JOURNALISM, ENGLISH MINOR UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (ATHENS, GA) **MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS**

I received a Bachelor of Arts in journalism with a minor in English in May 2024 from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. I finished with an institutional GPA of 3.73 and received Magna Cum Laude honors.

AUGUST 2018 – MAY 2021

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE, COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA (BRUNSWICK, GA)

I took dual enrollment courses from fall of 2018 until the spring of 2020, accruing 39 credit hours. I stayed two more semesters after high school to receive my associate degree finishing with 66 credit hours. I finished CCGA with a 3.86 GPA.

AUGUST 2016 – MAY 2020

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, MCINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY (DARIEN, GA)

I went to McIntosh County Academy in Darien, Georgia all four years of high school. I graduated third in my class with honors and a 3.8 GPA taking dual enrollment or honors classes all four years.

SKILLS/CERTIFICATIONS/AWARDS

- 2026 GAB Rising Star
- 2026 GABBY Award Finalist
- Passed the GACE English Test I and Test II at the professional level on April 4, 2025
- Completed the GACE Ethics exam on May 15, 2025
- Certified in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Proficient in Premiere Pro and Edius
- Certified in Google Analytics
- Received an A in Grady Newsource, UGA's broadcast capstone

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