

# Ashtin Barker

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Georgia

*Master of Arts, Journalism and Mass Communication*

*Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Minor in Design and Media – Magna Cum Laude*

Athens, GA

Expected May 2026

May 2025

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### Associated Press

*FIFA World Cup Photographer*

Mexico City, Mexico

June 2026

- Cover the 2026 World Cup as a photojournalist for the AP at all matches played in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey

### Georgia Press Association

*Capitol Beat Visual Scholar*

Atlanta, GA

January 2026 - Present

- Capture compelling photographs to run alongside daily Capitol Beat stories on Georgia politics, public policy, state senate and house sessions to ensure news readers are staying informed with timely images, under the guidance of Andrea Bruce
- Travel across Georgia weekly to photograph legislative sessions and long-term political topics on location

### The Red & Black

*Creative Service Manager*

Athens, GA

September 2024 - Present

- Work closely with the Executive Director and CFO on 2-3 various advertising campaigns each month: Research, Ideation, Design, Production and Presentation processes
- Collaborate with the advertising department and the Creative Services Assistant to design effective print and digital ads for clients and boost ad revenue
- Manage and oversee the training of the Creative Services Assistant to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities in future school years

*Contributor, Photographer*

March 2024 - Present

- Pitch unique stories to the culture and photo desk editors by staying up to date with community news, and deliver quality articles on deadline for diverse audiences on multiple platforms
- Report on, photograph and secure source interviews for local events, sport matches and campus activities to keep local news audience informed

### InfUSion Magazine

*Editor-in-Chief*

Athens, GA

May 2024 – May 2025

- Assisted in editing and selecting articles published in a bi-annual magazine serving the multicultural population at UGA
- Collaboratively managed an annual budget of \$7,000 with the Business Director to optimize student service and engagement
- Developed and tracked timelines, goals and expectations for the executive board and general body members

*Creative Director, Photographer*

August 2022 – May 2024

- Managed the creative team consisting of 5-10 designers and photographers, created article layouts, and produced and directed the cover photoshoot to create a visually compelling print publication

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Education Matters

*Youth Reporters Intern*

Athens, GA

September 2024 – February 2025

- Mentored youth reporters with the Education Matters program during weekly after-school programming at Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School
- Improved the literacy and critical thinking skills of Athens-Clarke County youth through teaching while encouraging curiosity about news and mass media careers

## SKILLS

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**Technical:** Proficient in Adobe InDesign, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Bridge and Illustrator

**Industry-specific:** Multimedia packages, data visualization, qualitative research methods, AP style and journalistic ethics

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Deborah Norville Award for Policy Journalism, Grady College of Journalism**

January 2026

**Best Photo Essay: Group II 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Georgia College Press Association**

March 2025

**Newspaper Pacemaker Award, Associated Collegiate Press**

December 2025