JACOB MITTLEMAN

Student Journalist

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Jacob "Jake" Mittleman is a student journalist at American University graduating in spring 2027 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science. While at AU, Jake has worked in numerous professional newsrooms on and off campus covering courts, student life, Congress and much more. He has aspirations to work in journalism after graduation and has a particular interest in covering the people, policies and public institutions that affect communities on a daily basis.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Congressional Correspondent Intern **Jan 2026 - May 2026**

Durango Herald

- Worked independently as a Washington, D.C.-based congressional correspondent for the Durango Herald, reporting from Capitol Hill multiple times a week on Colorado's congressional delegation and issues affecting southwest Colorado.
- Pitched original stories, interviewed sources, and collaborated with editors to produce weekly articles.

News Intern **May 2025 - Aug 2025**

WBRZ

- Interned at WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge during summer 2025, working alongside reporters in a fast-paced newsroom to research stories, conduct interviews, and prepare reports for broadcast.
- Assisted with story research, writing, and video editing for on-air segments, meeting tight deadlines for daily broadcasts.

Staff Writer **Jan 2025 - Present**

The Eagle (American University)

- Covered protests on and off campus, student government, university administration and campus life, interviewing hundreds of sources, including students, professors, deans and administrators.
- Reported and wrote numerous articles for publication, collaborating closely with editors and fellow reporters to develop stories and identify compelling angles.

Editorial Intern **Aug 2026 - Present**

Street Sense Media

- Reported on homelessness, housing insecurity and local policy in Washington, D.C., interviewing residents, community leaders, advocates and government officials.
- Researched, fact-checked and wrote news articles covering issues affecting underserved communities, collaborating with editors to develop stories and meet strict publication deadlines.

Election Reporting Intern **May 2026 - Aug 2026**

Providence Eye

- Reported on the 2026 primary elections, regularly interviewing residents, politicians and community leaders to identify key issues, while covering events, writing under deadline and collaborating with editors to develop unique story angles.
- Helped plan and organize 11 city council forums across Providence, connecting residents with candidates to discuss community concerns and inform voters.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Journalism and Political Science
The American University
Sep 2023 - May 2027

SKILLS

- Breaking news/investigative writing and reporting
- Experience covering politics; national and local
- Experienced interviewer; sit down and MOS (man-on-the-street)
- AP Style