

Reporter of the Year: Finn Lincoln
The NewsHouse, Syracuse University

News:

Dozens of NY police officers have crashed their cars repeatedly. Nothing's stopping them

<https://www.thenewshouse.com/off-campus/driving-force/when-ny-cops-repeatedly-crash-vehicles-few-consequences/>

Feature:

Outgunned: Syracuse Women's Soccer's ACC Struggles

<https://www.thenewshouse.com/sports/soccer/outgunned-syracuse-womens-soccer-acc-struggles/>

Additional Stories:

- 1) Tests reveal risks for potential lead exposure on SU campus

<https://www.thenewshouse.com/campus-news/tests-reveal-risks-potential-lead-paint-exposure-syracuse-university-campus/>

- 2) From flames to theft: how news coverage left students vulnerable

<https://www.thenewshouse.com/off-campus/from-flames-to-theft-how-news-coverage-left-students-vulnerable/>

Charles “Finn” Lincoln

Experience

David Newhouse Fellow with Advance Media | Syracuse, NY | February '25 - Present

- Spent 15 hours weekly working on investigative projects with Advance outlets around the country. Topics included reporting on lawsuits, corruption, and government accountability. Gained experience in writing a variety of articles, writing on deadline, researching, pitching stories, and utilizing public records.

USA TODAY / Gannett | Reporting Intern | Syracuse, NY | January '24 – January '25

- Spent 15 hours weekly investigating police misconduct across New York State with tasks including making FOIA requests, scrubbing data, and writing articles. Gained experience as investigative/data journalist that worked in a team environment and was able to impact legislature and disciplinary schedules in both Syracuse and New York State.

Search Party | Reporting Intern | Remote | May '24 – August '24

- Spent 15 hours weekly fact-checking, copy editing, and generating ideas for content for YouTube videos focused on global geopolitics and world sport. Gained experience in video production, content creation, and investigative research.

The NewsHouse | Reporter/Editor/Manager | Syracuse, NY | April '23 – Present

- Writing weekly articles on Syracuse sports and investigative-style news.
- also served as an editor and ran The NewsHouse website, social media, and analytics branches as part of senior capstone class.

Nunes is an Absolute Magician | Sports Reporter | Syracuse, NY | November '23 - Present

- Wrote 2+ weekly articles on Syracuse University-related sports topics. Gained experience in different styles from sports investigations to data stories to game reports.

ESPN Cleveland | Intern | Cleveland, OH | May '24 – August '24

- Spent 20 hours weekly in the ESPN Office curating content for partners, researching content for shows, planning and organizing events, and writing articles.

Syracuse Athletics | Digital Creative Media Intern | Syracuse, NY | August '23 – May '24

- Edited photos, clips, and other media in-game, gaining experience in content creation.
- Created / edited pictures, videos, highlights, and other content outside of games.

Education

Syracuse University; S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs – Aug. '21 – May '25

Major – News Journalism, Major – European History

Skills

FOIL / FOIA Requests – Adobe Photoshop/Audition/Premier – Audio Editing – Social Media Management – Media Research – Historical Research – Copy Editing – Interviewing – Data Scrubbing / Logging / Organizing – Fact Checking – Story Planning / Organization / Execution

Awards

My efforts as the executive producer on multimedia investigative project ‘[Chipped Away](#)’ were awarded by both the [Broadcast Education Association](#) and [Associated Collegiate Press](#).