

Richard Chu

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EDUCATION

2002-present

Kwantlen University College

Journalism Diploma, two-year program

Graduated in June 2004.

1995-2000

University of British Columbia

BA, Major in Political Science, Minor in English (language)

Graduated in May 2000.

EXPERIENCE

May 2004 – July 2004 **TV Reporter Intern, *CBC-Vancouver Canada Now***

- One of three interns selected for the Vancouver Internship Program. Responsibilities included researching and making calls for various news and investigative stories, collecting interviews with cameramen, working with an editor to piece together news clips, producing special segments for broadcast. Worked on coverage of the 2004 Federal Election; produced a 60-second “Tribute to Valedictorians” which ran for two-weeks on CBC Canada Now and for one week on CBC Radio One. Prepared my own news story on “Cool Summer Jobs” which aired on the last day of my internship.

March 2004

Writer, *Business in Vancouver* newspaper

- Interning reporter for the newspaper, writing news briefs, researching and writing news and feature stories requiring third-party, professional analysis in addition to basic reporting. The range of written subjects included the Vancouver Port Authority, legal research, fashion trends, environmental waste management, the RAV project, and corporate education.

2001-present

Youth Editor, *New Century Magazine*, SGI Canada national magazine

- Manage the *Youth Express* section by generating ideas, organizing the production schedule, writing articles, interviewing youth from across Canada, meeting deadlines, designing page layout with Quark Xpress and proof-reading before publication.

1997-present

Columnist, *Perspectives*, Bilingual English-Chinese Student Newspaper

- Writing opinion pieces and commentary during the academic year in my own column. Topics ranged from cultural issues in Canada and tongue-in-cheek self-help, to social effects of science and commentary on world issues.

- 1998-present **Web page design experience**
- <http://www.cammack.ca>
 <http://www.sgicanada.org/clubs>
 <http://www.salmoncanada.com>
 <http://www.APForganic.com>
 <http://www.richardchu.com>
 <http://www.deluxe-food.com>
- 1998-2002 **Personal Financial Analyst, Primerica Financial Services (subsidiary of Citigroup)**
- Licensed with the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and the Investment Funds Institute of Canada (IFIC) to help families create and implement financial plans involving savings, investments (mutual funds), life insurance and/or debt consolidation. Position required excellent interpersonal skills during home or office appointments, on the phone to clearly explain financial jargon in plain English, and care for people in difficult financial situations.
- 2000-2001 **Associate Chief Editor, *Perspectives*, Bilingual English-Chinese UBC Student Newspaper (circulation 10,000)**
- Work with the Chinese Chief Editor, being responsible for entire English portion of the newspaper by coordinating production with Chinese portion of the newspaper, generating ideas for articles, establishing and enforcing deadlines, ghost-writing if necessary, final editing before publication, as well as assisting in promotion and distribution of paper to the community.

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Writing* Demonstrated proofreading and editing skills;
 Hard news, business & political reporting, feature and column writing
- Computers* PC (Win95,98,XP) and Macintosh OS;
 Adobe Photoshop, Pagemaker, Acrobat, Illustrator;
 Quark Xpress;
 Comprehensive HTML and CSS language knowledge and experience;
- Organizational* Independent and team player;
 Extensive research abilities;
 Self-motivated and results-oriented;
 Demonstrated time management skills;
 Experienced multi-tasking ability.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1999 Essay published in the UBC Journal of Political Studies (received Essay Prize for Best Essay)
- 2002 Recipient of the Jack Webster Student Journalism Award
- 2003 Recipient of the Surrey Leader/Peace Arch News Journalism Award
- 2004 Recipient of the B.C. & Yukon Community Newspaper Association Scholarship

WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

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REFERENCES

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