



University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

Creative & Professional Writing Alumnus Testimonial

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To say the UPG writing program is responsible for the success I've had since graduation in 2006 is probably an understatement.

I came to Pitt-Greensburg in 2002 with the idea that I wanted to be a writer and work for a newspaper but with little experience or idea on how to accomplish that. What I found at Pitt-Greensburg was a faculty and student community that was supportive and made me a better writer with the help of workshops and student-run groups where everyone wanted to see each other succeed.

Most of my classes were in the journalism concentration with Prof. Lori Jakiela including Introduction to Journalism, Newspaper, Magazine, Memoir and the UPG Press class which I took each semester. These classes gave me not only the skills needed to have a career in journalism but also introduced me to people who would help me in my post-college career.

Brian Estadt, who was overseeing the UPG Press class as that time, told me about a job opening with the Gateway Newspapers division of Trib Total Media. Eight years later, I'm still employed there as an associate editor where I report on several communities in Allegheny County.

I hope the Pitt-Greensburg writing community continues to thrive well into the future and gives the next generation of students the same help and support it gave me.