
DIANA B. FRANKLIN

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OBJECTIVE: Seeking executive-level position in Communications or Marketing in a corporate setting which utilizes skills in writing, editing, proofreading, public speaking and a various media services.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Freelance Writer/Editor

Apr. 2000 – Present

Self-Employed, New Orleans, LA

- ❑ Contribute frequent entertainment stories, lifestyle features, profiles, and cover stories to major circulation magazines in the US, Canada, Australia and other countries.
- ❑ Publications written/edited for include: Family Circle Magazine, Direct TV Guide, British New Woman Magazine, British Glamour, Lifestyles Magazine, Australian Woman's Day, Fitness Magazine.
- ❑ Recent celebrity profiles written include: Sarah Jessica Parker, Debra Messing, Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Aniston, Noah Wyle, Penelope Cruz, Kevin Bacon, Mary Tyler Moore, George Clooney, and Gwyneth Paltrow.
- ❑ Write medical-oriented, health, fitness and social service features.

Staff Writer/Editor

Sept. 1994 – May 2001

Jewish Journal – Deerfield Beach, FL

- ❑ Contributed deadline feature and news stories to the largest circulation weekly Jewish newspaper in the US.
- ❑ Focused on US and Israeli dignitaries, the Jewish Commission for Education, 15 synagogues, ORT, Hadassah and Jewish Family & Children's Services.
- ❑ Experienced public speaker on the topic of "How to Nurture a Jewish Star." Visited Israel on a 10-day press trip for Ben Gurion University that resulted in a special newspaper supplement. Sept. 1994-May 2001.
- ❑ Also performed writing/editing duties for South Florida Newspaper Network and Inside Magazine.

Business Editor

1993 – 1994

Palm Beach Daily News, Palm Beach Florida

- ❑ Contributed deadline feature and news stories to the largest circulation weekly Jewish newspaper in the US.

Staff News and Feature Writer

Feb. 1989 – Jan. 1993

Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- ❑ Wrote news and features on deadline for a major circulation (700,000) daily newspaper.
- ❑ Specialty areas included social services, city government, leisure-time activities and entertainment.
- ❑ Wrote feature and entertainment stories on a free-lance basis for the Chicago Tribune.

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Staff Writer

Mar. 1986 – Jan. 1989

Stuart News, Stuart FL

- ❑ Wrote news and features for a small (30,000 circ.) daily Florida newspaper.
- ❑ Covered police, courts, and social services.
- ❑ Covered the Democratic and Republican National conventions in the summer of 1988 for the Scripps Howard News Service.

AWARDS

- ❑ Florida Press Association – First Place for News Reporting 1998
- ❑ American Jewish Press Association – Excellence in Spot News Reporting – Second Place – 1994, Honorable Mention in Newspaper Feature writing 1999.
- ❑ Jewish Family & Children’s Services – Community Service Award for raising \$200,000 for West Palm Beach’s first group home for disabled adults
- ❑ South Florida Women in Communications – five magazine and newspaper awards

EDUCATION

B.A. Journalism - English, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1981.

Fellowship for Journalists in the Jewish Press – Brandeis University, Summer 1997

Graduate-level writing courses – The Poynter Institute.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- ❑ The American Society for Journalists and Authors, the Motion Picture Association of America, the National Association of Female Executives, the American Theater Critics’ Association, New York and Philadelphia Women in Communications, the
- ❑ The Society of Professional Journalists, and instructor at the Writers Room of Bucks County – course on How to Break Into Magazine Writing – level one and two.