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Hometown: Fargo, ND

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Internship: The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

My summer internship at The Forum provided me with a wealth of experience in the newsroom. I've worked in a variety of roles throughout my time with The Forum, previously working under the supervision of our night editor. Working in the newsroom was an exciting change of pace, putting me under daily deadlines to report on a wide range of subjects, including Fargo City Commission meetings, the primary election in June and higher education news. Additionally, on Sundays I was responsible for producing a report on the latest pandemic figures from the North Dakota and South Dakota Departments of Health. I also was responsible for writing briefs on city press releases, police reports and crash reports.

Having the opportunity to produce numerous stories each week for both our website, InForum.com and our printed newspaper was incredibly satisfying. Fortunately, my supervising editor regularly gave me story assignments. I enjoyed finding sources, researching background information and conducting phone interviews. I took a great deal of pride in helping our news team bring objective reporting to the area.

The internship with The Forum was a great experience for my career aspirations. I am glad to be continuing employment with The Forum after the internship as well. I was happy to have the chance to do a lot of writing and work with the news team. Thanks to my internship with The Forum, I am confident I will be able to make a career for myself in the media.

