

ACADEMICS

POSITION: STAFF WRITER

OFFICE: THE 'BURNIAN

FACULTY SUPERVISOR: DR. BENEDETTI

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

The 'Bumian represents one of the best programs for professional writing, communications, graphic design and English majors because it allows them to get real world experience and feedback in all forms of print and web journalism. The deadline-intensive work environment isn't for everyone, and the job can be stressful sometimes. But *like* all challenging and mentally stimulating jobs, it is greatly rewarding. Working at a college newspaper allows writers at The 'Burnian to pursue stories that local newspapers might be wary to publish. Seeing your work published and read is one of the most satisfying things for an aspiring writer, and The 'Bumian is definitely the best medium at Blackburn to accomplish this.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Pitch ideas for potential stories that you would write
- Interview faculty, students and community members
- Attend campus and community events for assignments
- Be aware of events that transpire on and off campus. Be on the lookout for things that could make a good story or things that should be reported
- Meet firm and ever-present deadlines
- Work independently in the best interests of the *paper*
- Write a minimum of three stories per issue
- Take photos and write captions
- Be familiar with AP style
- Be diverse in your sources of information and learn what makes a good source
- > Respond promptly to editors-communication with editorial staff should be a top priority
- Learn and improve from critique

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Have a desire/passion for truth
- Be self-driven and determined to deliver accurate, interesting and timely news
- Be an effective communicator
- Have good time management skills
- Be deadline oriented
- Be calm in the face of adversity
- Be willing to show initiative
- Have a flexible schedule
- Be eager to learn and improve from critique