

# opinion

## Meet the Editors

Since this is our last print issue for this semester, we wanted to introduce you to the 2019-2020 Collegian and AU-Live editorial staff

### Managing editor, Collegian

**ZACH READ**  
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Hello! My name is Zach Read and I will be a senior at Ashland University next school year. I am a double major in Digital Media Production and Digital Media Journalism and have a double minor in Public Relations and Religion. I am heavenly involved in the Department of Journalism and Digital Media and working for the Collegian is something that keeps me busy. I am currently the sports editor for the Collegian but I will be the managing editor for next school year. I am thrilled to be in this position and cannot wait for the opportunity to lead the paper and make it a great year. Being able to first write for the Collegian during my freshman and sophomore year and then being able to become the sports

editor has been such a blessing. Working for the college newspaper gives me a great opportunity for a resume builder and it has also given me great work experience in the field of journalism. If I want to go down the road of journalism once I graduate then working for the Collegian has been a great starting block for me. One thing that I enjoy with being in journalism is sports photography so if I am not on the television crew for an AU sporting event you could probably catch me on the sideline taking photos for the Collegian. We here at the Collegian work hard to try and keep the campus and university informed and present the best news and feature stories as possible. We do all of this while still trying to be students. Stay informed and read the news, kids! **zread@ashland.edu**

### News editor, Collegian

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My name is Christine Jenkinson and I am a sophomore double majoring in Digital Media Journalism and Digital Media Production. I am also the current Assistant Editor for the Collegian. Writing has always been a part of my life, along with editing. The Collegian is a great place for me to do both of these things.

Next school year, I will be taking over as News Editor. Being a junior next year, I will be able to take all of my skills I have learned so far in my college career and apply them to my job.

I am also involved with AU's television station, AUTV-20, as next school year I will be Production Manager. Being a part of both mediums will ensure that I can connect with everyone in the Journalism Digital Media department.

My goal as a journalist is to inform the public (wherever I end up) of the news that is going on in the world. I want to bring neutrality to television stations and work to always show both sides of an issue. It sounds really cheesy, but reporting both sides on the

news might get people thinking that their way may not always be right. Especially with social media, news stations are being painted in a bad light. It is our job as students to learn how to report news correctly and go out into the real world after graduation to fix how the news is being presented.

If I am not in CFA writing or crewing for AUTV-20, you can find me watching Netflix (a college must-have) and counting down the days until Christmas. If the weather is nice, my sister and I like to go shopping and hang out. My family and friends are amazing and so supportive, which is important for any college student, I believe.

I am so excited to continue to be a part of the Collegian and AU-Live family. I'm excited to write articles that inform the Ashland community, while enjoying my time as a college student. The Collegian is a student-run newspaper and our job is to educate the public on what is going on in the Ashland community, mainly Ashland University. I thank everyone on the staff for all their help and cannot wait for next semester!

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### Features editor, Collegian

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My name is Bella Pacinelli and I'm the new features editor for the Collegian. I'm majoring in Journalism Digital Media and minoring in Public Relations/Strategic Communications. I'm a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and Alpha

Lambda Delta Honor Society. I'm also a mixologist at Tuffy's Smoothie Bar and a Facility Manager at the Rec Center. Someday I hope to write for a women's magazine such as Cosmopolitan or Seventeen!

Don't hesitate to contact me with feature story ideas.

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### Managing editor, AU-Live

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The end of my sophomore year is fast approaching, and while I'm anxious that it's getting closer to my impending graduation, I'm looking forward to the new challenges and responsibilities that these next two year will hold. I'm currently majoring in Digital Media Journalism and Political Science with minors in Public Relations and Philosophy. It's a lot, but all are areas in which I felt that I belong for various reasons. I love the feeling of closeness that I get from fellow reporters and editors, as well as the rush I get when I write something important. I am constantly questioning and digging for more information which correlates

to my other major in politics. My goal as a journalist is to uncover the truths behind stories and help people trust the news again. Next semester I will be taking on the role as Managing Editor for AU-Live, the converged news site for our JDM program. While this is a position that has been filled before, the website is still relatively new to me and to Ashland University. My goal is to improve our website by adding in new media as soon as it comes in, whether it be in the form of writing, audio, photos or videos. The talent in our Journalism program is unbeatable, and all it takes is whipping out stories as soon as they happen and working together to provide our students, faculty and community the quality news they deserve.

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### Sports editor, AU-Live

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My name is Cassidy Tolliver and I am a first year at Ashland University, however I am considered a sophomore due to the amount of college credits I brought in from Miami Trace High School and Southern State Community College. My major is Digital Media Production and my minor is Spanish.

Here at Ashland University I am in the Honors Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Alpha Delta Pi. I currently work in the Ashland University Marketing Department as the Content Creator. Along with that, starting in the fall semester of 2019 I will be the Sports Editor for AU-Live.

I have always had a strong interest in all things digital media, as well as social media.

I started a blog my junior year of high school, and later started a YouTube channel in which I still use and post

on. Once I heard about the JDM majors and programs at Ashland University, I immediately knew AU is where I wanted to be.

The program at AU is so easy to get involved in. It is only my first year here and I already feel so involved.

Growing up I have always loved to write and have always been interested in sports. I was so eager to apply for the Sports Editor, and I am so excited to be an editor for AU Live in the fall. This editor position combines all of my favorite things as well as gets me online editing practice.

After I graduate college my goal is to be a sports sideline reporter. I would love to eventually work for a big company, such as Fox Sports or ESPN. Whichever career I land, I want to focus more on the TV and production side of media, rather than the writing and print side.

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### Assistant editor, Collegian

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I'm Gracie Wilson and I am so excited to be working as the Assistant Editor of The Collegian! I am currently a sophomore at AU and am majoring in Digital Media Journalism with a double minor in Public Relations and Journalism. I am super excited to learn all of the aspects of digital media and become well versed in the field. I chose to come to Ashland University because it's a place that allowed me to try everything about the field and pursue multiple mediums! The reason I wanted to be an editor is I get to grow my own writing skills and also learn new aspects of the program such as publication. I also hope to be

an editor for a newspaper or magazine one day, so this is a great first step in the right direction. I am very excited to take on the role of assistant editor because I feel it will be a good point for me to start learning more about The Collegian, the process of how it is put together, and article editing in general! I am excited to be an editor because I love writing and can't wait to use my passion to help with this publication. I have been writing as long as I can remember and now to use that for a publication is something very exciting for me! I am so excited to start working with and learning from my fellow editors!

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### Sports editor, Collegian

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Hello everyone! My name is Evan Laux and I'm a freshman this year at AU with a major in digital media journalism and a digital media production minor. Ever since I was young, I've had a strong passion for writing and a love for storytelling. I watched the nightly news almost every night with my family and began to become engrossed with what I heard from news anchor personalities like Anderson Cooper, Katie Couric and David Muir. Whether it be stories telling of the human spirit, sports recaps, or just what's going on in our nation and around the world, I loved it all. Because of that love, I currently write for the AU Collegian Newspaper, and will be head sports editor during the 2019-2020 school year.

I've written various stories throughout this semester, but my favorites by far would have to be the two separate feature stories on AU Track and Field athletes Trevor Bassitt and Myles Pringle. In my opinion we have outstanding athletic programs here at AU and I love to see them achieve along with the outstanding athletes within them.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at AU and believe I made the right choice in coming here. I'm not involved in too much on campus yet other than the Collegian and various intramural teams, but I plan on auditioning for the AU Jazz Band next semester and also finding a job on campus. When I do have free time, I typically spend it hanging out with my friends, playing guitar, running, or my favorite, listening to music.

Music as a whole is my second passion after journalism. I had a period of time where I was set on becoming a music major before I eventually decided on journalism. I performed in various bands and choir throughout high school and know how to play the saxophone, guitar, and a little piano. I used to compose my own songs and covers through an applications called MuseScore and I still do occasionally. I have a very wide taste and music and listen to a little bit of everything. My favorite artists include The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Weezer, Still Woozy, Young the Giant, Dave Brubeck, Dizzy Gillespie, and Eric Clapton.

I'm very excited for my second year at AU and the my time here as a whole. I hope to learn a lot and make a ton of memories along the way. I believe I have already grown a considerable amount as a writer/reporter through my work in the Collegian and I'm excited to continue to get closer to achieving my dreams and aspirations as a journalist!

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## the Collegian

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