

# Nikhilesh De

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## **Summary**

Rutgers University journalism student familiar with interviewing, writing, and editing; experienced in designing materials through InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator; familiar with mathematics, mechanical physics

## **Education**

Rutgers University September 2013-Present

- Journalism and Media Studies major; Digital Communication, Information, and Media minor
  - Graduation date: December 2017
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## **Experience**

**Correspondent, The Daily Targum** February 2015-January 2016; February 2017-May 2017

- Wrote at least two articles per week for the News and Science sections for the newspaper at Rutgers
- Managed the Science Section by assigning and editing stories between October 2014 and January 2016
- Created "Simple Science," a 200 word or less explanation of scientific phenomena
- Resumed position of correspondent after serving one-year term as news editor

**News Editor, The Daily Targum** January 2016-February 2017

- Managed the News Desk of The Daily Targum, the Rutgers University paper of record; oversaw three editors and more than 50 writers; oversaw Science and Technology pages
- Edited 35-40 stories per week
- Coordinated with Photo/Video Editors to ensure each story had an image and video (when applicable)
- Worked with Design Editor to create the pages within the paper, writing headlines, photo captions, blurbs, and quotes both in print and online. Occasionally filled in with laying out pages

**Communications Intern, School of Engineering Dean's Office** March 2015-December 2016

- Maintained and updated Rutgers University School of Engineering's website, as well as department websites within the school
- Wrote features highlighting the work done by School of Engineering faculty and students
- Contributed to RU Engineer magazine

**Copywriter, Afford Edu** July 2016-August 2016

- Wrote marketing and other communications material for web-based tutoring startup launching in 2018
- Pitched marketing strategies for international and domestic audiences
- Copy-edited website and related materials

**Staff/Contributing Writer, The Daily Targum** October 2013-February 2015

- Wrote articles for the Science Section, as well as other news divisions within the paper
- Oversaw the Science Section from October 2014

## **Awards**

- First Place, Enterprise/Investigative Reporting; New Jersey Press Association College Journalism Awards (2016-2017)
  - Honorable Mention; Edward J. Mack Memorial Award
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## **Extracurricular Activities/Volunteer Work**

**Instructor, Piscataway Mixed Martial Arts Program** June 2005-Present

- First degree black belt student and instructor from May 2015
- Assistant instructor from 2010 to 2015
- Mentor younger students to help them attain their next rank

**Volunteer, Piscataway Air Force JROTC Program** September 2013-Present

- Visited local high school JROTC program as guest speaker/volunteer multiple times over past four years