

# BLAIR BEST

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## EDUCATION

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - Bachelor of Fine Arts**

**MAJOR: Journalism** - Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute

**MAJOR: Acting** - Tisch School of the Arts

**AWARDS:** New England Regional Emmy Award, Three Northwest Regional Emmy nominations, NYU Theatre Studies Honors Certificate, NYU Dean's List & Honors Graduate

## EXPERIENCE

### **Reporter/Anchor**

KGW (NBC affiliate) Portland, OR

- Lead dayside reporter/lead reporter on 'The Story'
- Main fill-in anchor
- Covered the homeless/housing and addiction crisis
- Four live shots a day
- Protest/riot coverage
- Presidential visits
- Election coverage
- Wildfire coverage
- Work featured on The New York Times "The Daily" podcast
- Day turns along with long-form stories
- Numerous exclusive, enterprise stories
- Result and solution-based reporting

### **Reporter/MMJ/Fill-in Anchor**

WGME (CBS affiliate) Portland, ME

- Dayside general assignment reporter
- Turned two separate packages a day
- Hurricane/tropical storm/blizzard coverage
- Election coverage
- Vice presidential visits
- Result-based reporting
- Numerous exclusive, enterprise stories

### **News Assignment Editor**

WGME (CBS affiliate) Portland, ME

### **Freelance Writer**

The Portland Phoenix Newspaper, Portland, ME

### **Editorial Assistant, Social Media Specialist & Event Manager**

State 23 Media (*Maine* magazine, *Maine Home+Design* magazine, *Old Port* magazine)  
Portland, ME

- Wrote '48 Hours Maine' travel stories, profiles and monthly columns
- Managed nine social media accounts
- Managed an event series called 'Diversity Maine: A business series on equality in the workplace'

**Freelance Writer**

The Forecaster Newspaper, Portland, ME

**Freelance Writer**

Knickerbocker Group Inc., Portland, ME

· Wrote home lifestyle stories and profiles for the architecture firm's website

**Editorial Intern**

Portland Monthly Magazine, Portland, ME

**News Contributor**

The Boothbay Register, Boothbay Harbor, ME

**Staff Writer**

Washington Square News, New York City