



# Alumni Profile

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BA Hons '16 English Language & Literature and Creative Writing

### Current Career

Organization: CTV News Channel

Title: Chase Producer

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### Career Overview

I am a chase producer. My job is to conduct relevant and current research on latest stories with a focus on finding and securing interviews with guests (experts, eye witnesses, etc.) that can provide new and relevant information for developing stories, breaking news, and daily news on live broadcast television. I also pre-interview guests for the anchor.

### How has King's helped prepare you for your current work?

My position involves very fast paced work and absolute accuracy in information. It can be very stressful. I am very glad now for the short deadlines and push for accuracy in our work from the professors at King's. When you learn to handle pressure at school you are prepared to deal with stress at work.

The King's community was helpful in many ways too. The close-knit family kind of community at King's taught me how to be empathetic, caring, and collaborative with my teachers and fellow students. This lesson has come in very handy when working in large teams.

### What advice would you give to someone who is interested in a similar line of work?

Practice your base skills. Nothing is more important for a media professional than having a strong command of their writing and critical thinking skills. Follow your passion. If you are passionate about a topic do your own independent research on it beyond what you learn in class. Your expertise will come in handy when covering stories that you have an interest in. You will also feel more motivated to perform. Lastly, find a mentor in your career field. Mentors are your support system, the voice of the wise in a territory you know little about, and genuine life-long friends.

### Further Degrees / Certifications

MA in Media Journalism and Communications at Western University

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