

## **The Rocky Mountain Collegian Assistant Opinion Editor**

The Assistant Opinion Editor is a leader who assists the Opinion Editor, pushes social media content, and acts as a leader on the desk by actively writing columns and providing resources for the Collegian opinion desk. The Assistant Opinion Editor is engaged in and dedicated to the overall production of content for the Collegian's digital and print products. The position requires a commitment of 5-10 hours per week of work-related duties.

### **The ideal candidate possesses the following qualities:**

- Possesses a basic grasp on micro- and macro- editing.
- Possesses a strong understanding of journalist ethics.
- Possesses strong communication skills and an ability to make decisions under pressure.
- Takes action when problems arise, and leads the desk by example.
- Understands the importance of working outside of business hours to respond to newsworthy events.
- Strong understanding of social media principles and ethics.
- Effectively balances time commitments outside of work.
- Responds to newsworthy events and prioritizes timeliness as it relates to opinion content.
- Encourages columnists when communicating with them for job-related duties.

### **Main Responsibilities**

- Works with the Social Media Editor to push opinion content in an effective and timely manner.
- Submits pitches and is an active columnist on the desk.
- Helps encourage multimedia coverage and packages by leading by example in order to create a culture of digital excellence.
- Communicates frequently with the Opinion Editor about problems that could disrupt production.
- Writes frequently for the desk, and helps the editor fulfill the needs of the desk.
- Pitches creative ideas for social media engagement on the desk.

### **Managerial Responsibilities**

- Schedules editing times with reporters to meet with the Opinion Editor.

**Compensation:**the Editor-in-Chief and the CEO of Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation will negotiate compensation with the Assistant Opinion Editor. Compensation will be hourly and paid through University merit work-study.

**To apply:** Submit a resume, cover letter and three relevant clips to [fczarnecki@collegian.com](mailto:fczarnecki@collegian.com) and [afleskes@collegian.com](mailto:afleskes@collegian.com) with the subject line: "Collegian 2019-2020 Application: Assistant Opinion Editor" by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Interviews will be scheduled and held by the 2019-2020 Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor and the 2018-2019 Opinion Director and Editor between March 29 and April 3. Be prepared to answer questions regarding the attributes and responsibilities listed above.