

Cristin Coppess

Photojournalist & visual storyteller

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EXPERIENCE

Central Michigan Life - Staff Photographer, Reporter

March 2025 - PRESENT

I cultivate multi-dimensional columns, news and feature stories through writing and make photo galleries to be published in print and online. The scope of my coverage includes university administration, general events and diverse campus & community issues.

WCMU Public Media — News Reporter

September 2025 - PRESENT

I write and produce service-based journalism in the form of spot news packages, features and web articles for regional broadcasts. I also contribute to producing innovative storytelling methods.

CMU University Communications — Photography Intern

February 2026 - PRESENT

I cover university events, contribute to staged photoshoots, make photo content & assist in archive management.

Interlochen Center for the Arts, — Operations Counselor: Photo

June 2024 - August 2025

I routinely made photographs exhibiting the day-to-day life of students while collaborating with a larger marketing team. I regularly managed multiple shoots per day and met deadlines with routine efficiency.

EDUCATION

Central Michigan University — Bachelor's Degree

Anticipated Graduation: May 2028

Bachelor of Applied Arts: Photojournalism, minors in Leadership & Multimedia Design, Cultural Competency Certificate

- ❖ CMU Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)
- ❖ Central Press Photographers Association (CPPA)

SKILLS

Photo, audio & video production and editing

AP Style writing

Editorial ethics, news judgement

Cold calling

Leadership, communication

Proficient in Adobe Lightroom Classic, Premiere Pro, Bridge & Camera Raw, and Audition

Portrait/studio photography

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Leadership Advancement Scholar - Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute, 2024 Cohort

Facilitator - CMU Institute of Transformative Dialogue

AWARDS

Rising Star in Journalism - CMU College of Arts & Media, 2025

President's/Dean's List - Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024