

Kat Hans

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Education

M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communication (Professional-Track)

University of Wisconsin—Madison, *expected 2027*

B.A. in Writing Intensive English, Minor in Advertising

Marquette University, *2024*, Magna Cum Laude

Experience

Reporting Intern, September 2025-Present

Madison Commons, Madison WI

- Identify and pitch local stories to the editorial team.
- Conduct interviews with community members and experts to gather original reporting.
- Write, edit, and prepare stories for publication on the Madison Commons website.

Project Assistant-Reader/Grader, January 2026-Present

University of Wisconsin—Madison, School of Journalism & Mass Communication

- Read undergraduate student stories for *Principles and Practices of Reporting*.
- Write comments and suggest edits for change.
- Collaborate with the professor and assign appropriate grades.

Teacher, Aide, Counselor, June 2022-July 2025 (seasonal & full-time)

Science & Arts Academy, Des Plaines, IL

- Developed and taught original *Graphic Novel* and *Graphic Memoir* courses for gifted students in grades PreK–8.
- Designed lesson plans integrating storytelling, illustration, and creative writing.
- Served as substitute teacher for PreK–8 classrooms, executing daily lesson plans.
- Supported kindergarten instruction, providing individualized attention to students.
- Collaborated with staff to create engaging, educational camp activities and manage classroom behavior effectively.

Skills

Reporting & interviewing, News & feature writing, AP Style, Research & fact-checking, Social media content creation, SEO basics, Adobe Creative Suite, Canva, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, ChatGPT, Creative storytelling, Attention to detail, Critical thinking

Hobbies & Interests

Avid reader of fiction and creative nonfiction; enjoy creative hobbies including drawing, needlepoint, and puzzling; frequent live music attendee