

# AMANDA HONIGFORT

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## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2019 Emmy-Nominated Producer (NATAS Mid-Am Region)
- Emerging Leaders Program at FOCUS St. Louis (Spring 2019)
- Member of the Saint Louis University Communication Department Advisory Board (2016 – Present)
- Member (2017 - Present) and Marketing Chair (2018 - Present) of the St. Louis Public Radio Generation Leadership Council
- Gold NATOA Award (2018)
- National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Mid-America Chapter Walter Cronkite Scholarship (2013)
- The John J. Pauly Award for Outstanding Student Achievement (2014) honors a graduating senior who demonstrates academic excellence and an interest in a career that enhances the quality of public life
- Saint Louis University Dan Kelly Scholarship for Broadcast Journalism (2012-2013 and 2013-2014)
- Saint Louis University Student Leader Honorarium (2012-2013)

## PROGRAMS

Adobe Audition, Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Photoshop, Core Publisher, AP News Wire, NewsFlex, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe After Effects, Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Office Suite, WordPress, Expression Engine, MTE, Seamus, AudioVAULT

## EDUCATION

### Saint Louis University

*MAGNA CUM LAUDE, MAY 2014*

- Honors B.A. in Communication with an emphasis in Journalism & Media Studies, Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honors Society President, SLU-TV President

### Webster University, St. Louis, MO

*MAGNA CUM LAUDE, MAY 2018*

- M.A. in New Media Production

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### Special Projects and Programs Producer

*HEC MEDIA, ST. LOUIS, MO | MAY 2016 – PRESENT*

- Produced and edited over 25 segments, and over 20 live shows as well as partner programming; serve as the HEC Magazine editor; initiated our intern program and now recruit, hire, supervise and mentor up to three interns each semester (totaling nearly 20 interns); search for and apply for grants (earned nearly \$40,000 for the station); and assist with marketing efforts

### Freelance Journalist

*ST. LOUIS MAGAZINE & OTHERS | JAN 2018 - PRESENT*

- I contributed several articles to St. Louis Magazine and have had articles published in DELTA Sky Magazine, HEC Media, and others

### Freelance Copywriting, Marketing, Editing, and Ghostwriting

*MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS | MAY 2019 - PRESENT*

- Worked with STLMade, AllianceSTL, and Rise Collaborative Workspace on copywriting, marketing, ghostwriting, and editing assignments

### Producer

*ILLINOIS PUBLIC MEDIA (WILL), CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL | JAN 2015 – MAY 2016*

- Part of the launch team and senior producer for *The 21st*, a statewide news/public affairs talk show. This included developing the show's brand, web and social media strategy, finding and developing segment ideas, determining the best guests, ensuring guests and host are prepared, writing web copy, web page design, assisting with directing and engineering
- Served as local fill-in host for Weekend Edition, Here & Now and All Things Considered and recorded daily continuity breaks for weekday evenings
- Served as pledge drive talent for both radio and TV drives and assisted with station events
- Before launching *The 21st*: Served as the content producer for *Living With Cancer In Central Illinois: Diagnoses and Decisions* on WILL-TV & WTVP-TV, produced numerous spots, features and interviews for local *Morning Edition*, *Here & Now*, *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*; Produced and hosted numerous hour-long specials for the 10:00 a.m. hour; Served on a search committee and on the strategic planning committee

### Production Intern

*NPR, WETA, ST. LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO, NINE NETWORK FOR PUBLIC MEDIA*

- **NPR, TED Radio Hour; Fall 2014:** Researched & booked guests, edited billboards & promos, generated show ideas, engineered interviews, created web posts, completed special projects as assigned
- **St. Louis Public Radio, St. Louis On The Air; January - August 2014:** Pitched and produced shows and segments, wrote web-posts, completed post-production, assisted with directing, engineering and call screening; interviewed historian & author Doris Kearns Goodwin.

## INDEPENDANT PROJECT

### Spotlight On St. Louis; Founder and Editor; 2017 - Present

- My personal side-project to improve perceptions of St. Louis both within and outside our region by publicizing the people, places, attractions, food, ideas, events and more that make it a great place to live, while not hesitating to also cover the issues we face and ways we can come together as a community to help solve those issues.
- Can be found at <https://www.spotlightonstlouis.com/> and on the respective social media as @spotlightonstlouis (Instagram & Facebook) and @spotlightonstl (Twitter)