Kimberly Thomas

Phone: (+1) 6787641214 (Mobile) | Email address: kimberlyavrilthomas@gmail.com | Website: https://ctlsites.uga.edu/rp-kimberlythomas/

Education & Training

Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs | University of Georgia | 14/08/2022 - 09/12/2025 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Minor: German

Study Abroad: Berlin, Germany

Final grade: 3.81 / 4.00

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism | University of Georgia | 16/08/2022 - 11/12/2025 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Certificate: News Literacy

Final grade: GPA: 3.81 / 4.00

High School Diploma | Locust Grove High School | 01/08/2018 - 27/05/2022 | Locust Grove, Georgia, United States

Final grade: GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

Honours and Awards

Halle Foundation Berlin Scholarship | The Halle Foundation

Cox Institute Levins Leaders Scholarship | Cox Institute

Zell Miller Scholarship, State of Georgia | University of Georgia

Dean's List | University of Georgia

Krensavage-Knight Scholarship | Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Work experience

County Government and Politics Reporter | The Oglethorpe Echo | 11/08/2025 - Current | Athens, Georgia, United States

Report on Oglethorpe County government and political developments through weekly multiplatform coverage, including meeting reports and enterprise stories

Investigate and explain local governance issues using public records, interviews and data to inform and engage a diverse rural audience

Collaborate with editors and peers in a professional newsroom to produce accurate, ethical journalism

Front of House Team Member | Chick-fil-A | 02/08/2025 - Current | Athens, Georgia, United States

Deliver efficient, friendly customer service in a fast-paced team environment

Manage point-of-sale transactions and ensure order accuracy under pressure

Uphold company standards of cleanliness, hospitality and professionalism

Intern | TSPA - Urban Planning Practice | 25/05/2025 - 17/07/2025 | Berlin, Germany

Research and author articles on spatial planning and city design for company publications

Translate planning concepts into accessible writing for a broad audience

Support senior planners on communications and research projects focused on sustainable urban development

Participant | Cox Institute Levin Leaders Program | 14/10/2024 - 27/03/2025 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Study newsroom leadership models and values-based decision-making through interactive seminars

Collaborate with peers on journalism-focused leadership projects that emphasize ethics and integrity

Reflect on personal leadership style and develop strategies for fostering inclusive, accountable newsroom cultures

Front Desk Attendant | Rankin Student-Athlete Center | 16/08/2022 - 10/12/2024 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Manage front desk operations and assist student-athletes with academic scheduling and resources

Handle confidential materials in compliance with FERPA and university policy

Coordinate with staff to maintain an organized and supportive office environment

Contributor | The Red and Black | 16/10/2023 - 14/08/2024 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Report on local news, including civic issues and campus events for the University of Georgia community

Collaborate with editors and writers to refine story angles, structure and accuracy

Conduct interviews, verify facts and meet tight publication deadlines in a fast-paced newsroom environment

Financial Transcriptionist | Copytalk Business Services | 13/11/2022 - 17/06/2024 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Transcribe financial recordings for advisors and accountants with precision and confidentiality

Meet daily production quotas while maintaining a high standrd of accuracy and consistency

Adapt quickly to specialized financial terminology and client-specific formatting requirements

DEI Coordinator | Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority | 13/11/2022 - 12/11/2023 | Athens, Georgia, United States

Lead diversity, equity and inclusion communications through newsletters and chapter updates

Organize educational programming and workshops promoting inclusivity and cultural awareness

Track member engagement and evaluate program impact to enhance organizational inclusivity efforts

Skills

Technical Skills | WordPress | Social Media Management (Facebook, Instagram, Creator Studio, Canva) | Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, OneNote | Adobe Creative Cloud (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign)

Language Skills

Mother tongue(s): **English**

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
German	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Hobbies and Interests

Global media and representation in journalism

Political analysis and international affairs commentary

Documentary and independent film

Historical podcasts

Strength training