

Joseph Ndu

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EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

May 2026

Bachelor of Science in Art

GPA: 3.00

- Studied news writing, graphic design, and graphics of communication

McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, Illinois

May 2024

Associate of Arts

- Studied feature writing

WORK EXPERIENCE

Northern Star - DeKalb, Illinois

August 2024 – May 2026

Senior News Reporter

- Authored over 90 local news stories which have been read by thousands of people on the Northern Star website
- Mastered MLA and APA style in writing stories to maintain industry standards
- Achieved proficiency with multimedia reporting within days to spearhead reporting on important local news stories

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The Braven Accelerator – DeKalb, Illinois

January 2025 – May 2025

Fellow

- Developed workforce skills such as leadership, operating and managing, communicating and networking, working in teams, and problem solving by completing a 14-week leadership and professional development course
- Design(ed) a career roadmap by engaging in a 7-step process that required self-assessment and reflection, as well as role investigation and evaluation to determine the steps required to achieve career goals

Club/Organization Name – Crystal Lake, Illinois

August 2021 – May 2022

Treasurer

- Set aside multiple weekends at the Crystal Lake food pantry pack and organize many boxes of food to those in need
- Engaged in charity program Letters to Santa in which I bought books, school supplies, clothes, shoes, and toys for disadvantaged children and special needs students across Illinois

HONORS & AWARDS | SKILLS & INTERESTS | TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficiency with Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign
- Fast learner and can pick up on what to do quickly
- Attentive listener, good reader and interviewer
- Able to complete tasks with quick turnaround times