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Dear Internship Placement Supervisor:

One of the biggest news stories took place on my college campus this past spring. As a member of the student newspaper, I was the only one in the office the afternoon we received a police report about an arrest of a student accused of three robberies that had taken place a few weeks earlier. I immediately went to the dorm where the robberies had occurred and began reporting the story. I also interviewed students about what they knew regarding the junior police had arrested.

An important thing I learned during the storytelling process was adding proper attribution throughout my piece. Even if it came at the expense of the article's flow, my faculty advisor and I went over the article before posting it online that night. I learned that this approach was not overly guarded, but a key component when it comes to reporting and presenting the facts to readers. Remember that John Mark Karr looked guilty of killing Jon Benet Ramsey in the days following his 2006 arrest, only for it to be determined that he falsely confessed to the crime and had never even been at the child's home.

I want to intern in an NYC newsroom and contribute to a culture where reporters and editors ensure stories (like those of Karr and numerous others) stick to the facts. In this era of fake news and rumors spread via social media, attributing information from authorities and witnesses is important as well as obtaining as many points of view as possible to present a balanced news article.

In my first semester of college, I was the only freshman working at the student-run campus newspaper. Over the summer I interned at the Star Tribune, a daily newspaper with a circulation of over 200,000, where I covered local news and even won a feature writing award from the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists. I'm smart, passionate and resourceful enough to be part of a team in the Big Apple. I'm ready to take that next step in my journalism career.

Very truly yours,

Ann Smith