**Sharon Blake**

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***Experienced communications professional seeking part-time position as a writer or editor.***

**Education**

University of Pittsburgh Point Park University

Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Communications, magna cum laude Journalism Major

Certificate in Communications

Honors Scholar, junior and senior year

**Employment**

**2021 – present**

**Freelance Writer**

Authored cover stories for Bridges Magazine (University of Pittsburgh); features for Pitt School of Engineering website; promotional material for annual Pitt Jazz Seminar & Concert.

**1995-2021**

**University of Pittsburgh— Communications Manager**

Generated local and national media coverage for Pitt’s research, faculty, programs, and events through press releases, media advisories, phone pitches, and social media posts. Wrote several 800-word feature articles per week for [Pittwire](https://www.pittwire.pitt.edu/), Pitt’s official news service. Communications consultant to clients in 18 departments.

**1977-1995**

**KQV 1410 AM—News Anchor / Reporter / Editor / Writer**

Anchored newscasts, conducted live interviews with newsmakers. As News Editor, supervised and assigned stories to writers and reporters. Compiled three 20-minute news packages per hour, coordinated coverage of breaking news. As a reporter, covered a variety of stories and spot news, filed live reports from breaking news stories and wrote stories for newscasts. Recorded commercials, PSAs and promos.

**2007-Present**

**The Common Plea Catering Company**

Working as a server in a part-time position; responsible for serving food and beverage at high-scale events, parties, wedding receptions, etc.

**Awards and Honors**

2020 Golden Quill Award, Pittwire article on grad students and childcare (Link is below)

2016 Pittsburgh Black Media Federation, First Place, Erroll Garner Collection

2011 Pittsburgh Black Media Federation Robert Vann Award, story on Yolanda Covington

2009 Pittsburgh Black Media Federation, Second Place, story on Pitt architect

1996 and 1997 Matrix Award: “Higher Education Review” radio program

1994 Golden Quill Award: Best Continuing News Coverage, KQV

1990 Golden Quill Award: Best Spot News Coverage, KQV

**Writing Samples**

[Papers of Jazz Pianist Erroll Garner Donated to Pitt](http://www.news.pitt.edu/news/papers-jazz-pianist-erroll-garner-donated-pitt)

[Pitt Researchers Tackle the “Baby Penalty”](https://www.pittwire.pitt.edu/news/pitt-researchers-tackle-baby-penalty)

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