

SONYA ENGLISH

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Experience

SERVER • Bottega Louie • Downtown Los Angeles • November 2012 to August 2014

- Provided top-quality casual fine dining, wine and cocktail service at one of the highest-volume restaurants in the country, maintained conversant menu expertise. Received 100 percent on a 40-point secret shopper report

HOSTESS • Akasha restaurant • Culver City, Calif. • September 2012 to December 2012

- Managed reservations using OpenTable, resolved guest concerns

SERVER • First Watch restaurant • Overland Park, Kan. • May 2006 to June 2008

- Opened/closed restaurant, hosted, trained new employees, created chalkboard art

BARISTA • Bistro Bella • Lawrence, Kan. • August 2007 to December 2007

- Prepared café drinks and meals, consulted on menus, opened/closed, trained

BARISTA • Mildred's Coffeehouse • Overland Park, Kan. • May 2004 to May 2006

- Prepared drinks and sandwiches, catered events, opened, closed, trained

Other Professional Experience

REPORTER • The Desert Sun newspaper • Palm Springs, Calif. • June 2010 to August 2012

September 2011 to August 2012: Produced content for the Features desk of The Desert Sun, which has a daily distribution of about 45,000. Primary beats included arts and entertainment, food and drink, and health.

- Developed in-depth trend stories and profiles, such as "[Almost Famous: The Sheepdogs in their quest for fame.](#)"
- Wrote Sunday column, "[Girl About Town](#)," about local entertainment, nightlife and culture ([@GirlAboutPS](#) on Twitter).
- Provide live coverage of festivals and other high-profile events, such as the Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards and the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.
- Hosted web videos for [Palm Springs International Film](#) and [Short Film](#) Festivals and [Fashion Week on El Paseo](#).

June 2010 to September 2011: Led reporting on the city of La Quinta, Calif.

- Wrote about city government and related issues; featured local business owners and residents

Shot and edited video for newspaper website [mydesert.com](#)

YEARBOOK ADVISOR • Bishop Seabury Academy • Lawrence, Kan. • 2009-10

Taught reporting, design and photography fundamentals to 17 eighth- and ninth-grade students; coordinated production of a 64-page book. Class was 40 minutes a day, five days a week

Education

Bachelor of Science in Journalism; News and Information emphasis

William Allen White School of Journalism • University of Kansas • GPA 3.99/4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • University of Kansas • GPA 4.0

Universidad de las Américas • Puebla, Mexico

Completed six-week intermediate Spanish language program and lived with Spanish-speaking host family

References available upon request