

# CHARLES JAMES IV

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## EDUCATION

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### Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge

*Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication, Minor in Computer Science*

**Concentration:** Journalism

Ogden Honor College Member

May 2025

GPA: 3.22

## EXPERIENCE

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### Progenitor, founder and Sole Proprietor

*Patty Ponder Chronicles LLC*

July 2025 - Present

- The Chronicles of truth and life captured through my works in various forms of media and content production.
- This pertains to podcasts, social media, novels, poetry, documentaries, movies, music, blogs, articles and more.

### Seasonal Selling and Support Champion

*Macys, Fair Oaks 216*

Oct 2025 - Feb 2026

- Helped pilot the #1 Distribution team for Macy's Backstage locations in the DCMV area on Black Friday as well as several 20K and 30K daily sales marks
- Ensuring the productivity, consistency, upkeep and prevalence of the Macy's Brand and affiliates. Direct work with management and systems operation. Balanced schedules, motivations and members to achieve store goals

### Wimbledon and Silverstone F1 Racing Student Reporter

*LSU Manship School*

July 2025- July 2025

- Reported on various events revolving around sports, culture and lifestyle overseas in London, UK with 13 other students. These included Wimbledon tennis, Silverstone Formula 1 and Formula 2 motoracing, theatre, anime, Wireless Fest 2025 and more.
- Created a detailed poetry journal, "PPC2Britain," documenting my thoughts and experiences alongside articles.
- Produced multimedia content including podcasts, videography and video editing.

### Combat Engineer, Specialist/ E-4 paygrade

*Louisiana Army National Guard*

April 2022 – April 2025

- MOS: 12B, ASVAB Score: 99<sup>th</sup> percentile, ACFT: 588/600, 927 Guidon Bearer, Sapper Train-up Member.
- Utilized communication and collaboration skills to accomplish tasks efficiently and effectively.
- Handled explosives and executed safety precautions to ensure proper detonation .

### Paris 2024 Olympics Student Reporter

*LSU Manship School*

July 2024- Aug 2024

- Reported on various events revolving around sports, culture and lifestyle overseas in France with 24 other students. These included soccer, volleyball, boxing, religion, haute couture fashion and more.
- Created a detailed poetry journal, "PPC2Paris," documenting my thoughts and experiences alongside articles.
- Produced multimedia content including podcasts, videography and video editing.

### Broadcast Intern

*Baton Rouge Zydeco Hockey*

Jan 2024- May 2024

- Assisted broadcasters in various duties as part of their operations team. These tasks included recording live footage of games, interviewing players, studio set up and video production.
- Cultivated an exciting and welcoming experience for hockey fans through videography and jumbotron operation.

### IBM Accelerate Program

*IBM*

June 2023- July 2023

- Through the program, members developed various hard and soft coding skills. Instructors instilled the values and growth mindset of IBM. Various mentors filled each of the members with their experiences and tips of knowledge.

## LEADERSHIP

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### **Theta Kappa Chapter, *Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.***

- **Keeper of Records and Seal:** Kept a running tally of minutes from each meeting and organized all files and documentation efficiently.
- **Fundraising Chair:** Orchestrated events to raise funds for the chapter.

### **Mass Communications College Council, *LSU Student Government***

- **President:** Headed plans to host events for the betterment of students within the Manship School.
- **Vice President:** Filed paperwork and arrangements to host events for the betterment of students within the Manship School.

### **Maison Du Tigre, *Fashion Magazine at LSU***

- **Editor in Chief:** Set creative calendars, directives and orchestrated multimedia content creation.
- **Writing Team Lead:** Created, collected and delegated fashion topics for articles. Edited articles and assisted page creation for publications.

### **Formula SAE Tiger Racing**

- **Business Team Member:** Computed cost reports, managed fundraising goals and financing, prepared presentations and catalogued all parts for cars.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

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**Kappa Theta Chapter, Order of Omega:** Greek Honor Society

**Mu Alpha Theta:** Math Honor Society

**National Honors Society:** General Education Honor Society

## BOOKS AND PUBLISHINGS

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### **6 - 9 The One is Mine: Kisses for the Rain, B&N Press**

- Genre: Poetry, Roles: Author and Editor
- Description: Available at Barnes & Noble, "6 - 9 The One is Mine: Kisses for the Rain" explores the adolescent years and thoughts of a young black man. The book is separated into nine sections: Inspiration, Letters, Love, Pain, Race, reflection, Sonnets, Unpopular Opinions and Life. Each section features a number of poems relating to the specified topic. This book was written with the author's poetry from ages 16-19, hence the name "6 - 9 The One is Mine."

## SKILLS

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Project Management

AP Style, Reporting and Journalistic Writing

Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Audition and Premier Pro

Canva Editing and Content Creation

CapCut Video Editing Software

Microsoft Excel, Spreadsheets, and PowerPoint

Java, C+, Python and HTML Programming

Code testing and Maven utilization

Explosive Demolitions