

Kaiden J. Yu

Photojournalist

DETAILS

REGION

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LINKS

[Online Portfolio](#)

[Instagram](#)

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SKILLS

Nikon Systems

Canon Systems

Post-Production & Creative Platforms
(*PhotoMechanic, Adobe Lightroom Classic, Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere Pro*)

Managerial Platforms
(*Google Workspace, Slack, Zoom, Monday.com*)

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese

English

INTERESTS

Rock climbing. Jazz piano. Movies.

PROFILE

Award-winning, multidisciplinary photojournalist with a global, online following. Skilled in capturing impactful moments across genres with a **keen emphasis on crafting compelling narratives and capturing human emotion.**

EXPERIENCE

Des Moines Register, Photo Intern

Jun 2026 – Aug 2026

- Covered daily news, features, and community events across Central Iowa
- Edited, captioned, and transmitted images for print and digital publication.
- Collaborated with newsroom staff to produce accurate, visually compelling journalism.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Visuals Desk News Intern

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- General assignment photographer covering the greater Philadelphia tri-state area.
- Work closely with photo editors on long-term, visual journalism projects.
- Participate in newsroom meetings, contributing to the Inquirer's visual storytelling strategy.

Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, Photography & Creative Intern

May 2024 – Sep 2024

- Photographed Wolf Trap's diverse performance and educational summer programming.
- Prepared images for Wolf Trap's social media under tight deadlines on a nightly basis.
- Documented Wolf Trap's brand identity and audience engagement through photography.

GW Hatchet

Staff Photographer, Sep – Current

- General assignment photographer covering the D.C. Metropolitan area; GW campus.
- Collaborate with editors on in-depth visual reportage.
- Develop creative, unique compositions for published photo essays and news assignments.

Features Visual Editor, Apr 2024 – Apr 2025

- Organized and coordinate assignments for the features section.
- Prepared photo essays and snapshots for weekly publication online and in print.
- Mentored new staff members.

ACCOLADES

Awards

- 2025 Asian American Journalists Association Awards – Student Excellence in Photojournalism Award
- 2024 Exposed DC Photo Contest Winner; Shortlist, Two Images Selected
- 2023 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Portfolio Category – Honorable Mention
- 2022 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Photography Category – National Winner

Exhibitions & Publications

- 2024 GWU National Press Photographers Association Annual Zine Vol. IV
- 2024 Cherry Bomb Press Spring Exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery
- 2024 Touchstone Gallery "Growing Pains:" Student Art Exhibition
- 2023 National Press Photographers Association GWU Chapter – Fall Exhibition

EDUCATION

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Aug 2023 – May 2027

- BA in Fine Arts, Photojournalism Concentration; Minor in International Affairs
- Class of 2027 *Corcoran Scholar* Recipient

Georgetown Day School, Washington, D.C.

Aug 2019 – Jun 2023