

# DAVE SEBASTIAN



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Dave Sebastian is an enterprising reporter with a history of scoops, features and breaking-news stories across industries. He can write first takes of major news events under tight deadline and take the story further through broader pieces and strong sourcing skills. He is fluent in Indonesian.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL** (PRINT, WEB AND WIRES), New York, NY

**Breaking News Reporter**

October 2019-Present

- Break exclusive business and financial stories, such as Royal Caribbean Group's \$201 million sale of the Azamara cruise line and the recruitment of NFL player Odell Beckham Jr. as an adviser for a special-purpose acquisition company; build sources among senior executives, mid-level managers, bankers and key decision makers
- Pitch and write enterprise stories and profiles related to the travel and hospitality industry, such as the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the cruise and lodging sectors; write 5-10 spot-news stories a day, typically within 10-15 minutes for each first take, as well as live headlines on earnings, deals, leadership changes and regulatory decisions
- Worked on four front-page stories and multiple B1 stories; spoke about stories on WSJ podcasts and a radio show; had stories featured on or referenced to by other publications like the Washington Post, Politico and the Real Deal

**Breaking News Intern, via the Dow Jones News Fund Business Reporting Program**

June-October 2019

- Covered about 50 stories for WSJ.com and the print edition, along with roughly 800 live updates on Dow Jones Newswires, about business, economics and finance; landed on the B1 page three times
- Interviewed executives and public figures, including activist investor Carl Icahn, and cultivated sources such as C-suite executives, equity analysts and M&A and trade lawyers
- Pitched and wrote enterprise stories that explored corporate trends, including a homepage article about the effect of declining number of foreign tourists on U.S. retailers in summer 2019 and a management feature about international-trade professions amid the U.S. trade war

**BLOOMBERG LAW** (BLOOMBERG'S PROFESSIONAL LEGAL AND POLICY PUBLICATION), Arlington, VA

May-August 2018

**International Trade News Intern**

- Wrote more than 20 spot and enterprise stories — six of which landed on the homepage of the Bloomberg Terminal — about the onset of the Trump administration's tariff actions, U.S. trade with China and Europe, Nafta and the U.S. gubernatorial elections
- Hosted a 29-minute podcast episode about the effects of trade tensions on U.S. jobs, involving insights from a labor-group representative and a think-tank analyst
- Cultivated sources, such as ambassadors and former high-ranking U.S. officials, within trade and business circles; covered governmental hearings related to trade

## EDUCATION

**HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**, Harrisburg, PA

Expected Graduation in May 2022

M.S. in Analytics

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY**, Boston, MA

Graduated in May 2019

B.A. in Economics, B.S. in Journalism

Dean's List, Four Semesters

Minor in Business Administration

**BU LONDON STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAM**

September-December 2018

**FACEBOOK JOURNALISM PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP**

August 2018

## SKILLS

**LANGUAGES:** FLUENT English, Indonesian

**CODING AND DATA ANALYSIS:**

INTERMEDIATE Microsoft Excel, Tableau, Stata, R, HTML, CSS

**MULTIMEDIA:** INTERMEDIATE

Photography, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro