

JACK PANYARD

JOURNALIST | NEWS WRITER | DIGITAL EDITOR

Journalist and editor with seven years of experience covering breaking news, national affairs, government, courts, religion, and more for digital audiences. Experienced in turning complicated developments into clear, engaging stories under tight deadlines while maintaining rigorous standards for accuracy and sourcing. Strong background in story development, deep research, copy editing, digital publishing, newsletters, and cross-platform media.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR NEWS WRITER

April 2026–September 2026 | Carol Stream, IL

Christianity Today

- Reported and wrote national and global news stories for a large digital readership, identifying timely developments and distinctive angles on complex stories.
- Conducted deep research and source development to develop original stories and add context to developing news.
- Collaborated with reporters and editors on enterprise coverage, larger reporting projects, and newsletter content.
- Edited and refined reported copy for clarity, accuracy, structure, pacing, and presentation.

BREAKING NEWS REPORTER

January 2023–April 2026 | Lancaster, PA

LNP/LancasterOnline

- Reported and wrote daily breaking news in a fast-paced newsroom, frequently working on tight deadlines and rapidly developing stories.
- Translated complicated legal proceedings, government actions, and political developments into clear, accessible reporting for a broad digital audience.
- Developed story ideas and identified newsworthy angles while balancing speed, accuracy, context, and reader interest.
- Published and updated digital stories through content management systems and collaborated with editors on headlines, revisions, presentation, and story development.
- Consistently ranked among the publication's top three most-read reporters.

REGIONAL WATCHDOG REPORTER

August 2021–December 2022 | York, PA

USA TODAY – The York Daily Record

- Reported investigative, enterprise, and breaking-news stories across education, health policy, environmental regulation, city government, and courts.
- Conducted extensive public-records research and converted complex information into accessible, engaging enterprise reporting.
- Produced both long-form and breaking-news coverage while maintaining rigorous sourcing and verification standards.
- Managed multiple simultaneous assignments and consistently delivered accurate reporting under deadline.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

May 2019–February 2021 | Brooklyn, NY

Sony Music Podcasting

- Conducted deep-dive research, background reporting, and fact-checking for investigative narrative podcasts.
- Identified expert sources and contributed to story development, script writing, editorial structure, and long-form production.
- Edited, mixed, and published multimedia content across digital platforms.

FOUNDER / EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

October 2018–May 2019 | Lynchburg, VA

The Lynchburg Torch

- Founded and operated an independent digital news publication, overseeing editorial strategy, daily publishing, and story development.
- Assigned stories, edited contributor drafts, and established fact-checking and editorial standards.
- Managed publishing workflows, deadlines, contributors, and content production across the publication.

RESEARCHER

August 2018–May 2019 | Lynchburg, VA

Liberty University

- Conducted institutional research and interviews to evaluate and develop academic programming.
- Synthesized complex research findings into concise recommendations for faculty leadership.

FREELANCE RESEARCHER

2021

The New Yorker

- Provided research support for editorial reporting.

EDUCATION

B.S. Journalism, Magna Cum Laude • Liberty University • May 2019

EDITORIAL & DIGITAL SKILLS

News Reporting & Writing • Breaking News • Story Development & Pitching • Editorial Judgment • Copy Editing • Fact-Checking • Deep Research • Public Records Research • Digital Publishing • CMS • Newsletter Content • Source Development • Podcast & Multimedia Production • Cross-Platform Collaboration • Headline Writing • Enterprise & Investigative Reporting