Korbin Amaya

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SUMMARY

Journalism graduate from Algonquin College with more than 30 stories published in the Algonquin Times, covering campus and community events. Experienced in deadline reporting, interviewing, fact-checking, and producing multimedia stories with photography, audio, and short-form video. Hosts and produces a podcast and a video interview series. Seeking opportunities in journalism, digital media, communications, and multimedia storytelling.

EDUCATION

- Journalism Diploma – Algonquin College, Ottawa, ON | Graduated June 24, 2026
- High School Diploma – St. Joseph High School, Ottawa, ON | 2023

SELECTED JOURNALISM PROJECTS AT ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

- **Event Reporter, Algonquin Times**
  - Reported and wrote more than 30 campus and community event stories under deadline.
  - Conducted interviews, gathered quotes, and verified facts before publication.
  - Captured photographs and short videos to accompany published coverage.
  - Links:
    - https://muckrack.com/korbin-amaya/articles
    - https://algonquintimes.com/author/korbin-amaya-2/

- **Field Placement Reporter, Ottawa Lookout**
  - Reported on community issues in Ottawa during a month-long field placement.
  - Pitched story ideas, conducted interviews, and gathered quotes from business owners, residents, transit users, and city officials.
  - Contributed reporting and writing to coverage of the Bank Street bus-lane pilot project in the Glebe.
  - Edited interview transcripts and prepared field notes and photos for a ByWard Market business story.

- **Feature: The Invisible Frontline** *(mental health stigma in Latino communities)*
  - Interviewed students and conducted background research on stigma, culture, and access to support.
  - Used relevant statistics and cited sources to contextualize interviews and strengthen the story.

- **Podcast and Video Series: The Nuvusan Podcast**
  - Hosted, scripted, and produced a 12-episode podcast exploring poetry, journalism, and music.
  - Directed and scripted three sit-down video interviews with local Spanish-speaking artists about culture, resilience, and identity.

- **FOI Journalism Project**
  - Drafted and filed provincial and federal Freedom of Information requests on mental-health funding and prison rehabilitation programs.
  - Organized responses and distilled formal language into clear notes and potential story angles.

- **Photo and Video Journalism**
  - Captured photographs and short video interview clips on campus and in downtown Ottawa to support digital stories.
  - Recorded interview audio for accurate quotations and performed light editing for digital publication.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Writing Articles – LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- Writing With Impact – LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- A Crash Course in Writing Well – LinkedIn Learning, 2026
- Writing Under a Deadline – LinkedIn Learning, 2025
- How to Become a Purpose-Driven Journalist – LinkedIn Learning, 2025
- Writing with Flair: How to Become an Exceptional Writer – LinkedIn Learning, 2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Conference Volunteer**
  Canadian Association of Journalists, Ottawa, ON | 2026
  - Assisted with event operations for the CAJ 2026 Annual Conference and Awards Banquet.

- **Apprentice Graphic Designer**
  Existence Creative Solutions, Ottawa, ON | 2021 – Present
  - Designed web and social media graphics under the guidance of an experienced designer.
  - Prepared image assets for website content and promotional materials.
  - Created social media posts and client-facing updates to support the company's online presence.

- **Landscaping Labourer**
  McMahon's Landscaping & Construction, Kanata, ON | 2023 – Present
  - Prepared job sites by staging materials and tools for daily assignments.
  - Loaded, moved, and disposed of materials as directed.
  - Collaborated with crew members to complete tasks according to project specifications.
  - Followed site safety practices and kept work areas clean.
  - Supported the site lead and crew with daily landscaping and construction tasks.

- **Prep Cook**
  Boston Pizza, Barrhaven, ON | 2022
  - Prepared ingredients and deboned poultry.
  - Labeled and stored food according to safety standards.
  - Kept the prep station clean and followed kitchen safety procedures.
  - Assisted with stock rotation during shifts to limit waste.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Design & Media:** Audacity, FL Studio, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, WordPress
- **Systems & Office:** Windows and macOS, Google Workspace (Docs, Slides)