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1. What do you look for in a resume?
 - a. I look for someone who has experience both inside and outside the classroom. Doing well in school gets you in the door. It's the real world experiences that you bring to the table that will differentiate yourself from another job candidate. Make sure you take advantage of all the internship possibilities you can, even if they are not paid. It is not only a good networking tool, but it looks good on the resume as well.
2. What classes do you recommend for students interested in your field? What skills are important to develop? (writing, fiscal analysis, public speaking, etc.)
 - a. If you want to be a journalist my top recommendation is take news writing classes as well as a broad range of liberal arts classes like economics, history and political science. Journalists must be able to write well, but they also need to understand how the world works so they can put stories into broader context for the reader.
3. What keeps you motivated in your job day-to-day?
 - a. As a journalist I have an insatiable appetite for news. I want to know everything that is going on around me, whether it is in the health care industry or in state government. That's what keeps me going every day. There is always something new to learn on the job, so there is usually never a dull moment.
4. Do you work in a constantly changing field and how does that affect your job?
 - a. Yes, the media industry is constantly changing because new technology is shifting the way people get their news. Print newspaper publications are on the decline forcing media companies everywhere to adopt a digital strategy. The challenge is figuring out how to deliver news online or through mobile devices without giving away content for free.
5. What was your career and educational path to your current position?
 - a. I went to college at the University of Connecticut majoring in journalism and history. I knew I wanted to be a journalist in high school so the path wasn't very difficult to follow. At UConn, I did two internships at the Hartford Courant, which helped me land a job at the Hartford Business Journal right after graduation. I'm finishing my master's degree this summer at the University of Hartford, where I'm getting my MBA. And just recently I was named editor of the Hartford Business Journal.
6. What risks did you take?
 - a. I'm probably not the biggest risk taker, but going to grad school and paying for it out of my own pocket was a financial risk. Many times grad students get their employers to pay for advanced degrees, but I decided to foot the bill myself because I'm a big believer in the power of education. My decision seems to have paid off as I was recently promoted to Editor of Hartford Business Journal.
7. What terms and acronyms do people need to know?

- a. The main acronym you need to know right now is ACA—Affordable Care Act. The Affordable Care Act is completely changing the health care industry right now so knowing the acronym and what the ACA is actually doing is critical to understating health care in the United States right now.
8. What sources of info do you check regularly?
 - a. I'm a news junkie. I read every news and health care website out there ranging from the NY Times and Wall Street Journal, to Politico, CT Mirror, Hartford Courant, and Business Insider.
9. What's your best advice to students? What to do and what not to worry about
 - a. My best advice is to figure out your passion and then develop a plan on how to turn that passion into a career. You also need to be realistic with yourself. It is okay to dream big, but make sure you leave yourself with plausible career options. I think students need to focus more on choosing the right major. College is getting increasingly expensive so make sure you concentrate your studies in a subject area that will help you achieve your professional aspirations as well.