

# Derek Richardson

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## Education

### Washburn University

Topeka, Kansas | May 2017

Bachelor of Arts in mass media with an emphasis in contemporary journalism and a minor in history

### Johnson County Community College

Overland Park, Kansas | May 2015

Associate of Science in general science

## Experience

### Orbital Velocity | [www.orbital-velocity.com](http://www.orbital-velocity.com)

June 2016 to present

- Creator, editor-in-chief

While I started my professional journey as a writer, Orbital Velocity requires my full-range of skills, including video editing, graphic design and visual storytelling. The website offers casual observers and devoted space enthusiasts appealing media chronicling humanity's journey toward becoming a multiplanetary species.

### SpaceFlight Insider | [www.spaceflightinsider.com](http://www.spaceflightinsider.com)

Sept. 2015 to May 2019

- Managing editor: *Spring 2016 to May 2019*
- Writer: *September 2015 to May 2019*

As managing editor, I coordinated with others to assign, edit and schedule stories throughout the week. Between 2016 and 2018, I helped grow the website's traffic from roughly 120K to roughly 350K viewers. In March 2019, I created a weekly news update video called "Space Bulletin." I also wrote hundreds of news stories.

### The Washburn Review | Topeka, Kansas

Sept. 2014 to May 2017

- Writer: *Fall 2014 to Fall 2016*
- Associate news editor: *Spring 2016*
- Managing editor: *Fall 2015*

I designed print news pages for production and mentored others in leadership positions. In fall 2015, I led the Review as managing editor and helped lead our team to produce our weekly printed edition helping to ensure deadlines were met and quality was maintained.

### SpaceUp Kansas

April 2012 to April 2013

Helped plan and organize a space-themed, user-generated "unconference," creating an environment for people to get together and discuss space-related topics.

## Skills

### Editing/writing

- AP Style writing
- Accurately/rapidly edits content
- Able to simplify complex topics
- Blogs frequently

### Technical

- Adobe products: InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects and Illustrator
- Able to write, film, edit and finish videos
- Knowledgeable in HTML and CSS