

Chloe Brooks-Kistler

Audio Journalist

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Chloe Brooks-Kistler is a rising, award-winning audio journalist. She got her start in journalism and radio at 16, taking a class on citizen journalism at the Tim Gill Center for Public Media in Colorado Springs where she won the center's 2016-2017 Citizen Journalism Contest for Southern Colorado.

Working with KRCC, the local NPR affiliate for Southern Colorado, Chloe learned the ins and outs of radio journalism under the mentorship of local All Things Considered host Mike Procell, secured a role as a guest star on a local segment, and edited multiple audio pieces for reporters. When she earned a full ride scholarship for Colorado College, Brooks-Kistler increased her responsibilities at KRCC to include voicing and editing weekly PSAs and producing her own story. She was a member of the station's Community Advisory Board.

Through her position in the Bonner Fellowship Program at Colorado College, a highly selective community engagement program designed to help develop student leaders from underrepresented backgrounds who seek to transform their communities, Chloe created her own podcast called The 719 Perspective, which aimed to share the diverse opinions of controversial topics in the Colorado Springs community. She has interviewed community leaders from the mayor of Colorado Springs to the president of Colorado College. While Chloe has managed to land interviews with high-profile members of the community, some of the most transformative interviews she has done has been with local community organizations, such as one with Alissa Smith, communications manager of Inside/Out Youth Services, a local organization which builds access, equity, and power with LGBTQIA2+ young people, through leadership, advocacy, community-building, education, and peer support.

In the summer of 2022, Chloe won a Faculty Student Collaborative Grant from Colorado College to produce her own podcast for the college's Italian department. She produced, edited, and voiced the podcast series Si, esistiamo: Podcasts Centering the Experiences of Afroitalians to raise awareness of Italian citizenship laws for an American audience. The project is a combination of her background in political science, Italian, and her love for storytelling and audio production. She presented her work at the 2022 Colorado College Summer Research Symposium in front of a live audience and again in 2023 at the Imagining African and African-diaspora Futures: A Conference in Africana Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Franklin & Marshall College.

In January 2023, Chloe became the host for the Colorado College podcast, Life After the Block, a podcast produced to connect CC alumni to the students at Colorado College today. Here, she strengthened her interviewing skills through interviewing multiple alumni ranging from a CEO who worked closely with Bill Gates, Paul Allen, and Steve Jobs to the twelfth woman in the United States to earn the title of AMGA/IFMGA Mountain Guide.

In April 2023, Chloe accepted the 2023 John C. Ensslin Memorial Scholarship award, awarded by the Denver Press Club and the Denver Foundation. One of the judges who chose Chloe to be the top winner is quoted saying "Her scholarship entry showed remarkable dedication to journalism and her craft of podcasting. The judges hope the Denver Press Club's scholarship helps launch what appears to be an extremely promising career in journalism."

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and Italian

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

GPA 3.80

May 2023

Awards & Honors

- El Pomar Full Ride Scholarship
- 2020 and 2021 Honors Convocation Awards for Excellence in Italian
- Faculty Student Collaborative Grant
- Inagural recipient of the Adrienne Lanier Seward Bold and Courageous Actions Award 2023

Associate's of Arts in Political Science

Pikes Peak State College, Colorado Springs, CO

GPA 3.34

May 2019

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Bonner Fellowship

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

August 2019-

May 2023

- Dedicated four years to The Bonner Fellowship Program
- Attended and discussed the history and effectiveness of community engagement at monthly cohort meetings

- Explored multiple leadership roles at different media organizations to broaden my professional and interpersonal skills
- Secured a role as an intern at a local media hub to produce a podcast series to connect the Colorado Springs community

[The Stroud Program at Colorado College](#)

July 2020-

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

August 2022

- Mentored five high school students to prepare them for higher education
- Supervised monthly newsletters created by students to bring awareness and build community in the program
- Collaborated with peers to create enriching programs, both in-person and virtual, for our mentees and their families

EXPERIENCE

[Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

January 2023-

Podcast Host

May 2023

- Host of *Life After the Block*, a podcast produced by Colorado College’s Communication Department
- Collaborated with and interviewed CC alumni to connect them to the CC community and students of today
- Brainstormed questions and produced interviews with a team of CC students to increase our podcasting and journalism skills

[Studio809 Podcasts, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

November 2022-

Podcast Editor

Present

- Editor of monthly episodes for Peak Environment, a podcast series highlighting environmental stewardship, sustainable living and enlightened public policy in the Pikes Peak Region.
- Received one-on-one training with the producer/co-host of Peak Environment, Dave Gardner a prolific member of the podcast/journalism community in CO Springs

[Dailydose719, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

September 2021-

Podcast Producer

May 2023

- Cooperated with a team of content creators to create content to appeal to the Colorado Springs community
- Conducted interviews with members of the Colorado Springs community, ranging from residents to business owners to local politicians
- Helped in building the Dailydose719 website and social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Spotify to increase views and interaction with posts

[Colorado College Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

June 2022-

Podcast Producer

September 2022

- Constructed a website to showcase the podcast in an effective way for audiences to understand Italian-centric ideas
- Coordinated remote interviews with citizenship reform activists in Italy

[Colorado College Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

June 2021-

Narrator, Scriptwriter, and Animator

May 2023

- Collaborated with a team of students studying Italian to create free, accessible educational videos teaching elementary Italian
- Built and maintained relationships with Italian departments in colleges around the country
- Wrote and narrated scripts in Italian and English to teach Italian for English

[91.5 KRCC, Colorado Springs, CO](#)

February 2021-

Community Board Advisor

October 2022

- Strategize how to appeal to young adult, college-aged audiences to ensure all ages are interacting with content
- Analyzed audience's social media interactions with posts to increase effective posting

Editor and Producer

October 2017-

- Voiced and edited weekly local PSAs and commercials for Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico
- Developed audio editing skills through use of Adobe Audition

March 2020

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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| OBS Studios | Adobe Premiere Pro and Audition | MS Office | Italian |
| Wix Website Builder | Hootsuite | Meta Business Suite | Spanish |