

Liza Coffin

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EDUCATION

Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, Expected Graduation, April 2026

Bachelor of Arts, *Journalism and Mass Communications Major, concentrations in Print and Broadcast Journalism; Studio Art Minor, World Languages and Cultures Minor*

SPECIAL SKILLS

Technical: Adobe Premier Pro, InDesign, Photoshop, Camera Operation, Broadcast Production

Restaurant Industry: 5+ years experience with customer service

Languages: Advanced level Japanese

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Maldon's Bistro, Irvine, California

Waitress, June 2024-August 2024

- Waitressed tables, took to-go orders, bussed tables, served food
- Packaged and sold pastries and breads
- Prepared coffee and tea drinks for customers

KICK BACK CAFE, Tokyo, Japan

Café Intern, May 2024

- Worked café duties in a completely Japanese-speaking environment-- serving food, washing dishes, etc.
- Participated as cultural immersion intern, speaking and learning primarily in Japanese
- Taught two lessons to school-age kids in Japanese

Nikka Fish Market & Grill, Santa Barbara, California

Server & Fishmonger, May 2023 - August 2023

- Waitressed—took orders, delivered drinks, packaged to-go orders, bussed tables
- Cut and prepared raw seafood for individual sales
- Managed the Instagram page—shooting, editing, and posting photos

Nikka Ramen, Santa Barbara, California

Hostess/Waitress, August 2021- August 2022

- Seated guests, took orders, prepared drinks (Sake, draft beer, etc.), bussed tables

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Santa Barbara City College Language Department, Santa Barbara, California

Japanese Tutor, August 2021- August 2022

- Taught and assisted college students taking Japanese courses, practiced speech and grammar exercises; identified lagging skills and corrected weaknesses

The Local Magazine, Birmingham, Alabama

Managing Editor, August 2024 - December 2024

- Managed production: ensured tasks were completed and goals/deadlines are met
- Determined cover design, responsible for final edit of print design

ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

California State Seal of Biliteracy (Japanese)

International Club -- *Marketing Team*

Dean's List 2023-2025 – *Fresh., Soph., Jr.*

Samford 2023/25 Juried Arts Exhibition Finalist

