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- Television: Text & Contexts

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- Editor-in-chief, Chapel Hill Magazine
- Admissions Officer, HPU
- Media Writer, Vegas.com
- Grant Manager, National Institute of Health
- Press Secretary, Senator Jay Rockefeller
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