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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Bachelor of Journalism
B.A. in Government
Graduation: May 2021

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Austin American-Statesman Collaboration Program, 2021

Developed and run program to give students bylines by republishing their work from local campus newspapers

The New York Times Student Journalism Institute, 2020

Selected as copy editor for program which was canceled due to COVID-19

UT NAHJ Chapter President, 2019-2020

Led meetings and events for Hispanic students interested in journalism

AWARDS

2021 Pinnacle Award for Weekly Newspaper of the Year – 1st Place

Managed *The Daily Texan*, which was honored by the College Media Association

2021 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association – 2nd Place

Ran *The Daily Texan*, which was named as the 2nd Best Newspaper in Division 1

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Austin American-Statesman

Higher Education Reporter — Fall 2021 - present

- Report on higher education in Central Texas, including University of Texas and the UT System
- Cover topics such as COVID-19, debates over tenure, DEI on campus and college affordability
- Contribute to K-12 coverage, including Uvalde shooting and Austin ISD superintendent search

Digital Intern — Spring 2019

- Wrote 50+ articles on trending news, culture and arts scene during 2019 legislative session
- Helped launched “Austin Answered” series answering audience questions in news coverage

Houston Chronicle via The Dow Jones News Fund

Copy Editing Intern — Summer 2021

- Fact-check, edit articles and write headlines and captions for daily edition of print newspaper
- Selected to attend weeklong residency on multiplatform editing at the University of Texas

The Texas Tribune

Reporting Fellow — Spring 2021

- Reported news about the legislative session, Texas public policy and state political news
- Provided coverage of COVID-19 pandemic, proposed bills and decisions by state lawmakers
- Wrote articles focusing on unemployment benefits, small businesses and economic recovery

Engagement Fellow — Fall 2019, Spring 2020

- Made social media content to promote breaking news and daily stories on Texas policies
- Created featured Twitter Moments, tweet threads and popular Instagram stories and posts
- Contributed to daily political newsletter, Facebook group and 2020 primary election guide

The Dallas Morning News

Audience Engagement Intern — Summer 2020

- Remotely wrote social media posts, managed homepage and sent desktop push alerts
- Produced newsletters about COVID-19, Black Lives Matter protests and city/state news
- Assisted state politics team with coverage of Gov. Abbott and ran DMN Politics Twitter

The Austin Chronicle

News Intern — Summer 2019

- Published multiple news and culture stories about Austin community and surrounding area
- Contributed to comprehensive weekly event calendar and various print news articles

The Daily Texan

Managing Editor — Fall 2020

- Directed 230+ journalists at UT-Austin’s student newspaper and did final edits on articles
- Led remote production process and transition from daily to weekly print due to COVID-19
- Grew @thedailytexan into the most followed college media Twitter account in the U.S.
- Held 12 total positions, including director of digital strategy, news editor and senior reporter