

EDWARD SIMON CRUZ

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL, *anticipated June 2027*

Bachelor of Science in **Journalism** and Bachelor of Science in **Education and Social Policy** with a concentration in **Secondary Teaching for English** | GPA: **3.95/4.00** | Dean's List: 3 of 3 quarters

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Daily Northwestern

2023–present

Assistant Audio Editor

Spring 2024

Assistant City Editor

Winter 2024

- Wrote and revised stories on initiatives, locations, and same-day events in campus and around Evanston, including for the education beat — all while meeting tight deadlines and fulfilling quick turnaround times
- Edited stories and provided one-on-one feedback on writing clearly in AP style and editing sound on Adobe Audition
- Conducted interviews in English and Spanish with students, professors, administrators, and community members

WNUR News

2023–present

Campus/Local Editor

Anticipated 2024–2025

- Recorded and edited news briefs and stories broadcast on the campus radio station, including on education-related topics
- Produced and anchored live broadcasts in the morning and evening

The Knightly News

2019–2023

Editor in Chief

2022–2023

News Editor

2020–2022

- Wrote, edited, and formatted articles in various genres, including for a column on race-related topics
- Conducted interviews with students, teachers, and administrators, including on controversial curriculum changes
- Led whole-group brainstorming sessions and board planning meetings to outline print issues and set deadlines

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Breakthrough Collaborative, *Teaching Fellow*

June–August 2024

- Designed and taught differentiated, culturally sustaining lessons on English and filmmaking for classes of 6–10 middle school students
- Adjusted lessons in real time and implemented feedback on ways to more effectively manage student behavior
- Worked with eighth grade students one on one to develop individualized goals and provide social and emotional support

West Windsor-Plainsboro People of Color Advocacy

2020–2023

Main Chair

2021–2023

- Conducted interviews with teachers, supervisors, and professors on multicultural representation in social studies classes
- Conducted research and drafted recommendations for local teachers to integrate Asian American history into curricula
- Consulted in district planning and stakeholder meetings related to D.E.I. work

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honors

Winner of the 7th Annual New York Times Student Review Contest (*February 2022*)

Languages

Proficient in Spanish

Digital Skills

Proficient in Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, Canva, Editor X, and Adobe Audition, InDesign, and Premiere; working knowledge of HTML, DSLR photography, and Adobe Photoshop