

# Pavan Acharya

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## EDUCATION

**Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications**, Evanston, Ill., Bachelor of Science in Journalism, double major in Political Science, June 2025 | Dean's List: 7 of 8 academic quarters

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## JOURNALISM & MEDIA EXPERIENCE

**Dallas Morning News**, news publication, Dallas, Texas

**Local News Intern**, June 2024 - present

- Writes two to three stories each week focused on local government accountability, including daily pieces and enterprise works
- Pitches stories daily about Dallas' government and the way policy specifically impacts stakeholders in the city's communities
- Files breaking news and utility content on deadline, including stories related to local disasters and national politics

**The Daily Northwestern**, student newspaper, Evanston, Illinois

**Investigations Editor**, March 2024 - May 2024

- Oversaw a desk that produced three longer form investigations, two more than the previous quarter

**Print Managing Editor**, March 2023 - June 2023

- Edited Campus, Metro, Sports and Art & Entertainment articles four nights a week for content, clarity and style
- Wrote headlines for newspaper print edition twice a week, assisted in proofing and finalizing each paper
- Served as a point person for the Editor-in-chief regarding news judgment decisions and liaison to senior editors

**Campus Desk Editor**, December 2022 - March 2023

- Led a desk of 25 reporters and organized weekly meetings with staffers to discuss story ideas and desk logistics
- Created a budget with about 200 stories, including news briefs, enterprise content, feature stories and event coverage
- Edited and published more than 180 stories, three to six pieces per night and four nights weekly

**Assistant Campus Editor**, September 2022 - December 2022

- Pitched, reported and filed two to three articles per week, including content on student organizations and local government

**Medill News Service**, news publication, Washington D.C.

**National Security Reporter**, September 2023 - December 2023

- Reported and filed one to two stories per week on federal government functions related to national security, including coverage of Congressional and Supreme Court hearings
- Communicated and met with dozens of members of Congress and staffers on Capitol Hill, developing trusting relationships with sources that helped generate story pitches and ideas
- Filed more than 15 daily stories and enterprise pieces on deadline to relevant news publications, including UPI and Military.com

**Midstory**, Media Thinkhub, Toledo, Ohio

**Intern**, June 2023 - September 2023

- Pitched and wrote feature stories on economics and politics for a solutions-oriented nonprofit publication, incorporating mapping and graph-based data visuals created through Datawrapper and Flourish
  - Collected data for a long-form team project exploring population loss and demographic change in Toledo, culminating in an article that includes reported content and analysis
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## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Leopold Fellowship**, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

**Leopold Fellow**, June 2022 – June 2023

- Accumulated data and recorded notes from secondary sources on the lives of enslaved people in northeast North Carolina for a digital mapping project
  - Utilized notes to make connections between historical data points that were discussed during a final presentation
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## SKILLS

Editorial/Digital: AP style, Video Editing, Photography, Adobe Premiere Pro, WordPress, Datawrapper, Excel, Python