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Educations and Qualifications:

August 2021 -
Present

University of Texas at Austin (Class of 2025)

Major: Sociology
Minor: Journalism
GPA: 4.00

Relevant Coursework

Multimedia News Reporting
Fundamental issues in Journalism
Study Of Policing

Activities and Volunteering:

August 2021-
May 2022

The Daily Texan

Opinion Columnist Reporter

- *Columnist reporter* 2021-2022: Worked as an opinion columnist for the Daily Texan, the premier newspaper of the University of Texas at Austin.
- Pitched story ideas, wrote opinion columns, and communicated with fellow columnist members to deliver professional level articles on a weekly basis.

Austin,
TX

January 2023-
Present

General Video Contributor

- Pitched, edited, produced and created video content for the Daily Texan Video department.
- Practiced skills such as shooting video footage, organizing and contacting sources, and delivering professional level content on a bi-weekly basis.

Austin,
TX

August 2022-
December 2022

Associate opinion editor

- Worked as an opinion associate editor, focusing on managing, editing and producing columnist content on a daily basis, as well as completing original content such as editorial board stories.

Austin,
TX

LEADERSHIP:

August 2021 -
Present

Asian American Journalism Association:

Treasurer

- Current officer of UT's Asian American Journalists Association, an organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of AAPIs in the newsroom for stronger representation and more inclusion.

Katy,
TX

Internship opportunities and work experience:

January 2023-
June 2023

The Daily Dot

FOIA Intern

- Completed FOIA requests for government agencies, corresponded with public officials for information, and wrote professional level news articles for The Daily Dot, a professional news organization specializing in internet culture.
- Learned vital journalism skills throughout the internship such as SEO analytics, sourcing, and interviewing.

Austin,
TX

June 2023-
Present

KPRC-TV

Investigative Intern

- Completed FOIA requests to government agencies within the Houston area.
- Contributed to fact checking, record requests, and research for various in-depth investigative projects
- Shadowed other journalists and learned general broadcast journalism skills such as fieldwork procedure, journalistic ethics, and sourcing.
- Helped adapt KPRC content marketing strategy to a younger audience

Houston,
TX

