

# Marissa Kraus

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **The Colorado Springs Gazette Sports Reporter**

*The Colorado Springs Gazette*

November 2024-Present

Colorado Springs, CO

- Writes on Air Force men's basketball beat including game coverage and features.
- Covered Colorado State and Air Force men's basketball in the Mountain West Tournament in Las Vegas, NV
- Assists in general assignments including high school game coverage and long-form features.

### **The Los Angeles Times Sports Intern**

*The Los Angeles Times*

May 2024-August 2024

Los Angeles, CA

- Wrote game coverage and feature stories on the Los Angeles Sparks WNBA team.
- Pitch stories and collaborate with sports editors on various features. Attends daily editorial budget meetings.

### **Omaha World-Herald Sports Fellowship**

*Omaha World-Herald*

August 2022- Dec. 2022

Lincoln, NE

- Collaborated with World-Herald staff to write articles about high school and University of Nebraska sports.
- Attended weekly football press conferences/media availability and assisted with coverage of home games.
- Pitched and wrote feature stories about local college and high school athletes.

### **Denver Post Sports Summer Intern**

*The Denver Post*

June 2022-August 2022

Denver, CO

- Assisted with and wrote coverage of professional sports events including the Stanley Cup Final, a USWNT match, the National Lacrosse Finals, and NHRA Mile-High Nationals.
- Pitched and wrote feature stories about Denver-area high school, college, and professional athletes.
- Used WordPress and Pars.ly to learn about search engine optimization and analytics for Denver Post content.

### **Sports Reporter & Assistant Sports Editor**

*The Daily Nebraskan*

August 2020-May 2024

Lincoln, NE

- Wrote articles related to Nebraska athletics with a focus on features. Wrote on football beat during the fall of 2023. Covered the 2023 NCAA volleyball championships in Tampa, Florida for website and DN social media.
- Served as an assistant sports editor; duties included editing and publishing stories, leading budget meetings, and collaborating with the engagement section to facilitate audience growth.

## AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- 2025 APSE Contest, 5 <sup>th</sup> place short feature (C Division)	2025
- SPJ Colorado Top of the Rockies award, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place sports feature (extra-large newsrooms)	2025
- Eric Sevareid Award, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association	2024
- APSE Scholarship Winner, 9 <sup>th</sup> place APSE Student Sports Writing Contest	2023
- 2023 Association of Women in Sports Media Scholar	2023
- ESPN Scholarship Winner - Alliance of Women in Media	2023
- Sports Journalism Institute Class of 2022	2022

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

Lincoln, NE

**Bachelor of Journalism; Major: Journalism**

**Minors: Psychology; Leadership & Communication**

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

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Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Premiere Pro; Microsoft Office; AP Stylebook; social media platforms and tools; WordPress; Search Engine Optimization; photography & videography; collaborator, communicative, adaptable