# 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

#### **JOURNALISM & MEDIA EXPERIENCE**

Block Club Chicago, news publication, Chicago, Ill.

Reporting Intern, September 2024 - Present

• Files at least three stories a week on neighborhood-based news, community developments and local businesses

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

Local News Intern, June 2024 - September 2024

- Wrote two to three stories each week focused on how issues in Dallas impact stakeholders in the city's communities
- Filed breaking news and utility content on deadline, including stories related to local disasters and national politics
- Pitched stories focused on the impact of state policies on regional topics, such as housing policy and elections

# 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
- 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 one to two stories per week on federal government functions related to national security, including coverage of Congressional and Supreme Court hearings
- 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

### 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

### **SKILLS**

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