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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin **Class of 2026**

- Cumulative GPA: 4.0
- Major: Journalism, Minor: Communicating Social Issues
- 77 completed hours toward my degree; 64% completed

Ridge Point High School; Missouri City, TX **Class of 2022**

- GPA: 3.98 / 4.0 (unweighted), 4.47 / 4.0 (weighted), 101.24 / 100 (100-Point)
- Class rank: 20 / 679 (top 2.9%), Summa Cum Laude

HONORS AND AWARDS

Winner of the Roderick P. Hart Student Achievement Award - \$1,000 scholarship **April 2024**

- Recognizing one undergraduate student in each department by Department Chairs and Directors
- The purpose is to “honor and encourage tangible accomplishment in the communication field”

Nominated for a Hearst Journalism Award **January 2024**

- “Scholarships awarded to students for outstanding performance in college-level journalism”
- Entered into the sports writing competition

Byline in The Dallas Morning News **December 2023**

- Feature story about a walk-on Texas Longhorn football player
- Published on the front page of their print and digital sports editions

Best Social Media Presence - 2nd Place; Texas News PrimeTime College News Show **December 2023**

- Awarded by the College Broadcasters Inc.

UT Honors & Dean’s List **August 2022 - Present**

High School Accolades **August 2018 - June 2022**

- AP Scholar Award, College Board (2021,2022): scoring a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams
- Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Broadcast Journalism ; Main Anchor, Prowler TV (2021-2022)
- 3rd place in Fort Bend ISD’s annual film festival as the main anchor in the broadcast news category (2022)

WORK EXPERIENCE

KPRC 2 News - News Department Intern; Houston, TX **June 2024 - August 2024**

- Shadow various departments in the newsroom; 20 hours each week

Undergraduate Research Assistant - Book Editor; Austin, TX **June 2024 - August 2024**

- Sift through interviews, pull out ideas, write/proofread book chapters; 10 hours each week

The Associated Press - Vote Tabulation Team **April 2024 - Present**

- Help tabulate and verify vote counts across the country during state primary and local elections

Texas Sports Unfiltered Podcast - Marketing Assistant; Austin, TX **February 2024 - Present**

- Attend events and recruit followers in the Austin and UT community

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Texas Student Television; the only FCC - licensed college news program - Producer **August 2022 - Present**

- 8 hours per week, 30 weeks per year; Manage all of the social media accounts and the live stream
- Good Morning Longhorns is a lighthearted, live weekly morning news show
- Texas News PrimeTime is a weekly evening news show focusing on hard news
- Main anchor, weather anchor, floor director, creator and writer

Associate Producer of Good Morning Longhorns **April 2024 - Present**

Producer of Digital Media of Texas News PrimeTime **February 2024 - Present**

Producer of Digital Media of Good Morning Longhorns **August 2023 - Present**

Interim Digital Media Director **January 2024**

Social Media Manager **August 2022 - August 2023**

VOLUNTEER WORK

Over 300 total hours served

College Service Hours

August 2022 - Present

- Volunteer work at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; 35+ hours