

JOHN M. FORBES

Journalist • Photojournalist

Jonathan.forbes877@gmail.com

+1 (574) 310-7396

1221 W. Oak St., Denton, TX, 76201

Johnforbesjournalism.com



Summary

Highly passionate and motivated journalist with research, reporting and photojournalism experience looking to publish comprehensive news to best serve the wider community. Previously worked as a reporter and news editor for the *North Texas Daily* and worked in Washington D.C. as an intern in the United States Senate. Has extensive experience in the reporting process and knowledge regarding governmental processes/institutions. Has experience in the research process as well, resulting in well researched, accurate and timely news coverage.

Education

University of North Texas • 2021 - Present

Bachelor's degrees:

- Political science
- Digital/print journalism

Expected graduation: May 2026

Research conducted:

Hostage taking and hostage diplomacy; an analysis

- Research poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago • April 4, 2024.

Skills

- News writing
 - Breaking news writing
 - investigative news reporting
- Editing
- Communication
- Research
- Organization
- Leadership

Certifications

- Social & Behavioral Research certification through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (Citi) program.



Professional Experience

Personal reporting

North Texas Daily | Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024

- My reporting includes coverage of breaking news, higher education, city government and politics, national issues, local and national political races and investigative pieces.
- My clips include:
 - A story uncovering the UNT College of Education's secretive unilateral scrubbing of DEI from course curricula
 - A column series entitled "Local Lens" which analyzed how presidential policies on various topics would affect Denton and Texas locally
 - A story spotlighting abruptly fired employees after a franchise owner of Alamo Draffthouse filed for bankruptcy and fired all of their employees without notice.
- To see more of my clips, visit my website: Johnforbesjournalism.com

Editing

News Editor • North Texas Daily | May 2024 - December 2024

- Led and organized news coverage for the largest writing section at the North Texas Daily.
 - Coverage included:
 - City politics and government affairs
 - Human interest stories
 - Higher education and events pertinent to the university
- Coordination with other members of the editorial board in editing, coordinating large coverage projects and the creation of a cohesive weekly edition.
- Some articles published during my tenure include stories:
 - Investigating multiple instances of sexualized photos of women taken at the university's gym and published in an online forum
 - Investigating the city's affordable housing program, finding that their metric to determine affordability is based on much wealthier areas
 - Covering the university's new restrictive guidelines to faculty research to comply with anti-DEI legislation.

Intern in the United States Senate

U.S. Senate | Jan. 27, 2025 - April 11, 2025

- Primary correspondent for constituents
 - Organize and manage the large influx of calls, emails, and physical mail.
 - Write letters on various issues to be sent to constituents via automatic reply/emailing en masse.
- Research for legislative assistants
 - Conducted research into bills, policies, reporters, topics, etc. to help the legislative aids in the office.