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## Summary

Highly passionate and motivated journalist with reporting, research and photojournalism experience looking to publish comprehensive news to serve our 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. Currently working as a freelance journalist based in the Midwest. Has extensive experience in the reporting editing process, resulting in well-structured and comprehensive articles.

## 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
- Arts & Life writing
- Opinion writing
- Editing
- Communication
- Research
- Organization
- Leadership

## Certifications

- Social & Behavioral Research certification through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (Citi) program.
- Fall 2023 Dean's List
- Spring 2024 President's List

## Professional Experience

### Personal reporting

#### South Bend Tribune | May 2025 - Present

- As a freelance reporter for the South Bend Tribune, I was able to cover a variety of stories I felt were valuable to my community. Working with the Tribune also gave me the opportunity to expand my skillset and bolster my reporting and photography skills with an established newspaper affiliated with USA Today.
- A few examples of my reporting with the Tribune include:
  - A story covering Notre Dame's commencement ceremony where Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Christopher Grady told graduates to "speak truth to power"
  - A business profile that spotlighted two lifelong friends who bought a movie theater with the goal of sharing their passion for cinema and the theater experience
  - Coverage of a unique local business' 15-year anniversary event, where over 150 people came to celebrate the "arts and business incubator," named LangLab, with food, art, charity fundraising and music.

#### North Texas Daily | Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024

- My personal reporting at the *North Texas Daily* includes wide-ranging coverage of news including breaking news, higher education, municipal government and politics, national issues, local and national political races and in-depth investigative pieces.
- A few examples of my reporting at the *Daily* includes:
  - A story uncovering the UNT College of Education's 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 Drafthouse filed for bankruptcy and laid off over 1,000 employees without notice.
- To see more of my published work with the *Daily*, visit my website: [Johnforbesjournalism.com](http://Johnforbesjournalism.com)

## Professional Experience Continued

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### Editing

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

- Led and organized news coverage for the largest writing section at the *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 on an online forum
  - Investigating the city's affordable housing incentive program, finding that their metric to determine affordability is based on much wealthier areas in the DFW area
  - 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

- As the primary correspondent for constituents contacting the office, I:
  - Organized and managed the large influx of calls, emails, and physical mail
  - Wrote letters on various issues to be sent to constituents via automatic reply/emails sent en masse.
- Research for legislative assistants:
  - Conducted research into bills, policies, reporters, topics, etc. to help the legislative aids in the office.

