

# JOHN M. FORBES

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## Summary

Highly passionate and motivated journalist with reporting, research and photojournalism experience looking to publish comprehensive news to 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
- 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

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

- My reporting includes wide-ranging coverage of items related to news and arts & life. Most of my coverage includes breaking news, higher education, city government and politics, national issues, local and national political races and in-depth investigative pieces.
- My reporting 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 any notice.
- To see more of my clips, visit my website: [Johnforbesjournalism.com](http://Johnforbesjournalism.com)

### 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.