

Maria Lawson

Multimedia Journalist

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Professional Experience:

ESPN

August 2024-Present

Investigative Reporting Fellow

Washington, D.C.

- Conducts investigations using data, public records and in-depth interviewing
- Reports and writes breaking enterprise stories
- Curates content for digital, audio, television and streaming platforms

People Newspapers, a D Magazine Affiliate

May 2022-July 2024

Deputy Editor

Dallas, Texas

- Reported daily stories for People Newspapers online; digital reach of 145,000
 - Sole Preston Hollow beat reporter covering crime, news, business, real estate, philanthropy and other topics
- Wrote 15 and edited 20 monthly print stories for monthly *Park Cities People* and *Preston Hollow People* print publications, 45,000+ circulation
- Managed and curated content through Photoshop, Premiere and Canva for two X pages, one Instagram page, two Facebook pages and two weekly newsletters

North Texas Daily, University of North Texas student newspaper

August 2019-May 2022

Editor-in-Chief, previously section editor and senior staff reporter

Denton, Texas

- Managed staff of 90 reporters and 14 editorial board members
- Edited and coordinated online and print stories across five sections
- Designed and edited pages using InDesign for weekly print publication for 42,000 students
- Supervised and created content for daily posts on Instagram, X and Facebook pages

Central Track

February 2022-May 2022

News, Arts and Culture Reporting Intern

Dallas, Texas

- Reported four stories weekly about news, events, culture and local creators

Denton Record-Chronicle

August 2021-December 2021

News Reporting Intern

Denton, Texas

- Published daily-turn news stories for online and print publication
- Contributed to weekly crime blotter using police records

D Magazine

May 2021-August 2021

Business and News Reporting Intern

Dallas, Texas

- Authored online and print stories about real estate, transit, economy and history
- Used data and public records to obtain weekly real estate fodder

Awards and Training:

- Wendy Rieger Memorial Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism April 2025
- First Place, Localized National Story, National Newspaper Association July 2024
- First Place, Local Government Reporting, National Newspaper Association July 2023
- First Place, Feature Writing, National Newspaper Association July 2023
- Selected attendee, Society of Professional Journalists Future Leaders Academy July 2023
- First Place, Feature Writing Live Contest, Texas Intercollegiate Press Association March 2022

Education:

American University

GPA: 4.0

Master of Arts in Journalism and Public Affairs, Investigative Journalism Track

- Fellow, University of Bergen (Norway) Bridging Investigative Journalism Fellowship

University of North Texas, Honors College

GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Digital/Print Journalism & Bachelor of Science in Sociology

- President, Society of Professional Journalists campus chapter