

# MICHAEL PALACIOS

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## EDUCATION

### **University of Oklahoma**

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism - Graduated in May 2025

**Norman, OK**

January 2024 – May 2025

### **Rose State College**

- Associate of Arts in Mass Communication - Graduated in May 2023

**Midwest City, OK**

June 2022 – May 2023

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Flying Lion Inc. & City of Prosper Police Department**

#### ***Drone First Responder - Pilot in Command***

**Prosper, TX**

June 2025 - Present

- Lead drone operations in collaboration with local law enforcement, enhancing situational awareness for incident response and public safety initiatives. Independently maintained autonomous drone docking system, piloting the DJI Matrice 350.
- Utilize UAV technology to create data-driven reports, including aerial footage and thermal imaging for critical public safety communications.
- Contribute to operational planning and real-time communications, ensuring timely response and high-quality content delivery during high-pressure situations.

### **KWTV-DT News 9**

#### ***Newsroom Intern***

**Oklahoma City, OK**

January 2025 - June 2025

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to produce news packages, contributing to content that reached a wide audience on a daily basis.
- Assisted in content creation, including writing scripts, editing video, and producing live reports under tight deadlines, demonstrating strong time management and problem-solving skills.
- Gained hands-on experience in AVID video production and iNews, enhancing technical expertise in media tools.

### **OU Gaylord College**

#### ***Content Producer and Editor***

**Norman, OK**

March 2024 - May 2025

- Produced and edited video content (VOSOTs, PKGs, Live Shots) for newscasts.
- Coordinated with reporters to gather and edit A-roll and B-roll footage. Wrote press releases for the college email bulletin.
- Managed project timelines and coordinated with various stakeholders, ensuring the timely delivery of content.

### **15th Street News Rose State College - Rose State Media Group**

#### ***Photo Editor - Reporter***

**Midwest City, OK**

June 2022 - May 2023

- Edited and managed visual content for monthly press issues. Wrote press releases for the college newsletters.
- Collaborated with writers and photographers to enhance content quality. Captured photos for the college social media page.
- Awards: **2023** Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association Platinum Division - Best Overall Magazine & Best Overall Newspaper, **2023** Oklahoma Press Association Awards - 2nd Place News Content & Best Photography

## PROJECTS

- Assisted in KWTV-DT News 9's all-day news production of the OKC Bombing Memorial Marathon and NBA Playoffs.
- Produced and edited special video projects for OU Daily's web content: OU Giving Day, OKC Memorial Bombing commemorative series. OU Nightly's survey distribution of the Norman TIF Survey, producing a video based on data.
- Managed and collaborated with stakeholders to publish The 6420 Magazine, Rose State Media Group's seasonal issue.

## SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Collaboration: Worked with diverse teams across media, production, and law enforcement sectors.
- Project Management: Experience delivering content under tight deadlines, collaborating with cross-functional teams.
- Communication Strategy: Developed AP style content for news, social media, and organizational marketing campaigns.
- Content Creation: Video production, scriptwriting, editing, and content distribution.
- Applications: Proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe Premiere Pro, Lightroom, Audition, InDesign, AVID, and iNews.
- Certifications: FAA Part 107 Drone License, sUAS Mapping – OSRHE, Law Enforcement Drone Training.