

Jaylyn Preslicka

Summary

Investigative journalist with a background in breaking news and copy editing. I aspire to take the skills I have learned from my experiences and apply them to a career in foreign correspondence. In my stories, I highlight the multifaceted aspects of the individual, and spotlight the real-life impact.

Education

Northwestern University, Medill School - D.C. Investigative Lab	Chicago, IL
September 2025-2026	
Master's in Journalism in Summer '26	
Received the William H. Jones Scholarship	
Anticipated work with Propublica	
California State University, Long Beach	Long Beach, CA
August 2023-2025	
Bachelor's of Journalism in Spring '25	
Bachelor's of Sociology in Spring '25	

Journalism Experience

The Long Beach Current, Solutions Editor	August '24 - May '25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigated the efficiency of different mental health resources on campus • Wrote long-form stories, cultivating relationships with the general student body, faculty and staff • Oversaw the solutions desk, collaborated with other editors and contributing writers 	
Americans with Disabilities Act / Reasonable Accommodations, Teacher's Aid	August '24 - May '25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted Dr. Christopher Karadjov in daily classroom duties; including working with students and outside research • Has learned to manage tasks efficiently to form mutual respect with the professor and students 	
The Long Beach Current (formerly the Daily Forty-Niner), Copying Editing Assistant	August '23 - May '24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in copy editing stories for all desks • Managed communication between writers and desk editors • Proficient in AP style 	
The Long Beach Current (formerly the Daily Forty-Niner), Staff Writer	August '23 - May '24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted desks by writing articles, taking photos and general editing • Collaborated with contributors 	

Skills

SAS Programming	InDesign	Copy Editing
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Other Experience:

- My Fashion Archive intern, virtual, June '25 - Current
- Katella Deli, Los Alamitos, CA, June '24 - July '25
- Personal Driver, Long Beach, CA, August '22 - June '23
- In-N-Out, Fullerton, CA, May '21 - June '24

Updated Work Samples

Breaking News

CSULB biology lecturer arrested for alleged sex crimes

<https://lbcurrent.com/news/2025/03/09/csulb-biology-professor-caught-in-sexual-misconduct-scandal/>

Worked alongside colleague Ethan Cohen

CSULB library evacuated after bomb threat, investigation underway

<https://lbcurrent.com/news/2025/01/08/csulb-library-evacuated-after-bomb-threat-investigation-underway/>

Follow up:

Library bomb threat suspect identified, charged

<https://lbcurrent.com/news/2025/04/18/library-bomb-threat-suspect-identified-charged/>

Solutions Journalism Network Grant

Search for CAPS counselors slowly ongoing

<https://lbcurrent.com/news/2025/03/24/search-for-caps-counselor-slowly-ongoing/>

Homeless state of emergency prompts city to improve resources for the houseless

<https://lbcurrent.com/news/2024/12/20/homeless-state-of-emergency-prompts-city-to-improve-resources-for-the-houseless/>

Multimedia

<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZP8j7M9u1/>

Extra

As of December 2024, I am now certified in beginner-level SAS programming. I have used these skills to code graphs and charts in data-driven articles. An example has been provided above in the story “Homeless state of emergency prompts city to improve resources for the houseless.”

For Professor Chris Karadjov, I have assisted in a media research study by doing archival research. This research required going through 41 years of LA Times articles and looking for key words and phrases. This was all compiled on a spreadsheet by year, word/phrase and whether the article was an editorial or news piece.

Regarding the Solutions Journalism Network grant, I have built relationships with sources inside and out of my university, writing long-form investigative pieces that take months to write. These articles have caused [issues](#) within the administration and are still currently being worked on. I plan to publish an editorial with the News team on how we have been barred from speaking with faculty and staff, work alongside Faculty Affairs and the California Faculty Association to publish a follow-up to union controversy and continue general grant work before the end of the year.