I’m data reporter at [CQ Roll Call](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cqrollcall.com&t=ODg4YWE4ODExZTBjMzBiYjZmNmEwY2FjZDcxMDI0ZWZlODllOWNjZCxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank), where I report, write and produce data presentations for both CQ and Roll Call. I was previously the multimedia fellow at the [Scripps Howard Foundation Wire](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.shfwire.com%2F&t=YWI0MTM3NDIxOWI4YmU4ZGUxNmMyODExOTYyZTJmMzdlYTg2ODg3MSxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank) in Washington, D.C., and am a graduate of [California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.calpoly.edu%2F&t=N2VlNmU0Nzg4ZTc0MTEwNzBiMmFmZDRjYTNmMzZmZWRhNGQ4YjUwYyxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank).  In addition to CQ and Roll Call, my work has been published by USA TODAY, Bloomberg, dozens of Scripps News properties, and other news outlets across the country.

My first experience covering national news came in January 2013, when I was hired as a [collegiate correspondent for USA TODAY](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatodayeducate.com%2Fstaging%2Findex.php%2Fusa-today-collegiate-correspondent-spring-2013%2Fsean-mcminn&t=N2VjZTBmYTNmMmE5NDY1OGEyYmE3ZGM1MTE3MTI2MzdkMWEzMzQ3OSxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank). I covered the intersection of millennials and current events, from [politics](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatodayeducate.com%2Fstaging%2Findex.php%2Fpulse%2Fcollege-republicans-echo-findings-of-gop-autopsy&t=YjZhNTc0OTA4YjgxMmFhODYzYWYxYmFmYjZmZmUwNzliOWJlNTE4ZCxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank) to [media](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatodayeducate.com%2Fstaging%2Findex.php%2Fpulse%2Faereo-could-have-trouble-bringing-in-college-students&t=NDFkYmRjZGU3NjAyNDEyZWY0NjdiNDJiZTRlMGJjYjNjZmE5ODgzOCxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank) to [country music](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatodayeducate.com%2Fstaging%2Findex.php%2Fpulse%2Fcountry-music-leaving-behind-its-southern-roots&t=OWJhZDM4MDhlOWE3ZDI4YzMxMDkwOWRmOGIzNWUyNjRmYzUyNzUwZixRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank). One of my stories, a data-driven report revealing the [major hubs for recent college graduates](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatoday.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Fnation%2F2013%2F05%2F11%2Fcollege-grad-jobs-major-metros%2F2149915%2F&t=NTA5M2U0MzMwOGU5YjdjODY5ZDJiZTc5YzQ2ZTM4YWJlZWE2MjkyYSxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank), was featured in the Money section of USA TODAY’s print edition.

My experience covering higher education stemmed from my first two years as a reporter for the Mustang Daily, the student newspaper at Cal Poly. There, I focused on government and administrative issues in the CSU system. My award-winning story on a [freshman that was hospitalized](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fmustangnews.net%2Finvestigation-continues-for-alpha-phi-sorority%2F&t=ZjA2ZmM5YWUwOWYwN2JkM2RjMmEwMWNjZWMyZWJjMzNjYWQ1ZTBjYSxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank) the night after receiving an invitation to join the Alpha Phi sorority led to policy changes in Cal Poly’s sorority pledging process. Other accountability reporting led to changes at my university on issues such as [sexual assault](http://mustangnews.net/sexual-assault-allegations-left-out-of-cal-poly-annual-crime-report/) and [student campaign regulations](http://mustangnews.net/asi-kills-debate-free-speech-on-campus/).

After writing as a correspondent for USA TODAY, Gannett asked me to intern at its headquarters in McLean, Va. In addition to contributing more reporting to USA TODAY College, I began to learn how to code and use data in my reporting.

During my time internship, I also began planning for a new student media convergence at Cal Poly, which would later be dubbed Mustang News. Students emphasizing in print, digital and broadcast came together to drop Mustang Daily’s print-first mentality and create a digital-first news operation. As the managing editor for news, I led the news coverage and served on our leadership team.

Also at Mustang News, I started a training program for first-year students interested in journalism. Named [The Day After](http://t.umblr.com/redirect?z=http%3A%2F%2Fmustangnews.net%2Fday-after-home%2F&t=MWRiNjk1YTE0YjNkZDQ3ZTYyYzBmMzUyZjE3MzVjZDRiYmFjZmU5MyxRTVdhQkw5QQ%3D%3D&b=t%3A0EbfvQ1Tzsx-w_b4xyR2Cg&p=http%3A%2F%2Fseanmcminn.com%2Fpost%2F79086073617%2Fbiography&m=1" \t "_blank), I provided weekly feedback to freshmen writing follow-up stories to supplement the editorial content published in Mustang News.

I graduated cum laude in June 2014 with a major in news-editorial journalism and a minor in statistics. Faculty chose me for the Outstanding Senior award in the Cal Poly journalism department, as well as for other annual scholarships and awards.