

Michelle Tom

Media Professional

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EXPERIENCE

North Dakota Monitor, Bismarck — *Freelance Reporter*

February 2026-present

Pitch and report stories. North Dakota Monitor is a nonprofit online news outlet that covers government, politics, policy, and public affairs.

KFYR-TV, Bismarck — *Political and General Assignment MMJ*

June 2025 - February 2026

Multimedia Journalist for NBC news affiliate in North Dakota. Secured exclusive coverage and interview with Vice President Vance on passing of Big Beautiful Bill. Broke news of Trump \$12B aid package for farmers via exclusive interview with Senator John Hoeven. First reporter to break news of SNAP pause in ND via exclusive ND HHS statement. Secured exclusive interview with EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin on furloughs, ag issues and ND visit. Made top stories/ lead stories multiple times weekly. Multiple CNN and NBC national pick-ups.

7 News, WHDH-TV, Boston — *Newsroom and Assignment Desk Intern*

June 2024 - August 2024

Assist with gathering news and information and taking and placing phone calls from reporters, sources, and the general public. Research potential stories, confirm breaking news stories, provide assignment desk and clerical support. Wrote scripts and conducted interviews for broadcast. Interviewed Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey on the migrant crisis and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu on Biden age concerns. Secured a high-profile interview with a Boston Globe reporter who witnessed the Trump assassination attempt. Interviewed a Kamala Harris expert and veteran political analyst the day Biden withdrew from the presidential race. Broke statements live from prominent U.S. and Massachusetts politicians responding to the Biden withdrawal. Broke news from an exclusive source on the Steward Health Care crisis and secured an in-demand statement from a key spokesperson.

SKILLS

Breaking news; building relationships with PIOs, political figures and interviewees; knowledge of current events and political events; ENPS; Edius and Premiere Pro; digital storytelling; policy knowledge; live shots; creative stand ups; fast learner; press conferences; leading a newscast; political interviews; on the spot thinking; enterprise reporting; executing under pressure; securing exclusives; outside-the-box thinking; digital media; long-form journalism

LANGUAGES

English and Mandarin

EDUCATION

Duke University and Duke Kunshan University
Dual-Degree Undergraduate
(2021-2025)

BA in Public Policy and Philosophy. Graduated Magna Cum Laude. Took courses in Journalism minor. Executive Producer and Founder of student broadcast.

