

Maria Vazquez

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Education

University of Texas- Austin, Texas (Expected Graduation - May 2028)

Major- B.A. English & B.J. Journalism/Moody Honors Program

GPA- 3.95 – Dean’s List (Every eligible semester)

Activities

The Daily Texan- Austin, Texas

Spring 2025- Present

Associate Opinion Editor (Spring 2026- Present)

- Run in-person edits with writers. Oversee a group of columnists at pitch meetings, assist in writing editorials and work with social media to push opinion content online.
- Conduct interviews with university administrators, professors, and students to integrate diverse perspectives into reporting.

Senior Opinion Columnist (Spring 2025- Fall 2025)

- Write weekly opinion columns for UT Austin’s student newspaper, covering campus life, politics, and student belonging.

Delta Gamma- Austin, Texas

Fall 2024- Present

Active Member & ANCHORA Magazine Contributing Writer

- Contribute a national profile for ANCHORA, highlighting the stories of organization members.
- Collaborate with editors on story development, fact-checking, and sourcing high-resolution visuals for publication.
- Participate in chapter events and philanthropy, building connections within a large organization.

Volunteer Experience

Students Expanding American Literacy- Austin, Texas

Fall 2024- Present

Active Member

- Visit Austin-based elementary schools once a week to assist first-graders in developing their reading skills.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired- Austin, Texas

Fall 2024- Present

Volunteer

- Assist in classroom and recreational activities for students with visual impairments, providing hands-on support and guidance.
- Foster an inclusive environment by engaging with students and helping staff facilitate adaptive learning programs.

Language

Native Spanish proficiency