

MAYA SHEA ORTIZ

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Work Featured In

- KPRC
- KHOU
- Yale Athletics (and associated platforms)
- The Houston Zoo
- OurEsquina.com
- KPTimes and KPTimes.com
- VYPE.com
- The Houston Sports Awards
- HumbleISD.net

Skills

- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Limited working proficiency in French
- Proficient in Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Rush, Express, After Effects, Lightroom and Bridge
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel

Research

- Evaluated the significance of size in drilling predation between gastropods and bivalves in the Peabody Museum

Other Work

- Freelance Event Photographer: Photographed birthday parties, weddings, family gatherings, charity events and sporting events
- Softball Umpire

Academics

Yale College (2024-Present)

- English Major
- Collections of the Peabody (EVST 040): Conducted research on the predatory relationship between gastropods and bivalves inside the Peabody Museum

Kingwood Park High School (2020-2024)

Communications Experience

Yale Athletics Creative Intern (2024-Present)

- Photographs events and creates content for a multitude of media platforms for the Yale Athletic Department

KPTimes Newspaper Editor (2021-2024)

- Editor-in-chief of the newsmagazine (2022-2024)
- Ran student publication's Instagram (2021-2024)
- Design Editor (2021-2022)
- Presented sessions on sports photography at high school state and national conferences (2022-2023)
- Humble ISD correspondent at the 2024 Houston Sports Awards

Awards

- 2021 and 2022 National Photojournalist of the Year (NSPA)
- 2024 Texas Journalist of the Year Runner-Up
- 2022, 2023, 2024 All-State Journalist
- Quill and Scroll Member
- 150+ state and national writing, podcast, photography, video, social media and design awards

Our Esquina (2021-Present)

- Graphics Director, writer, photographer

Texas Senator Carol Alvarado Intern (2023)

- Planned and drafted tweets for the senator

Conservation Experience

Houston Zoo: Zoo Crew (2020-2024)

- 920 volunteer hours
- Historian- Developed an Instagram campaign and captured videos and photos for the teen program (2021-2022)
- Lead Conservation Mentor- Taught new youth in the program about the conservation efforts being done by the Houston Zoo (2023-2024)
- Bird Saving Campaign Committee Founding Member (2021-2024)
- Naturalist (2020-2024)

Cincinnati Zoo Education Intern (2025)

- Worked operations for summer camp
- Taught curriculum and handled a variety of animals
- Created promotional content for summer camp