

# TEAL DAVIS

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## PROFILE

I am a nationally-recognized, early-career journalist focused on the intersection between the environment, natural resources, technology and rural health. Proficient in public record requests, digital engagement and multimedia storytelling. I believe accessible, public-service reporting aimed at education is critical to modern journalism.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Environment and Data Reporter

*Nov. 2025 - present*

*Riverton Ranger/Lander Journal | Lander, WY*

- Covering wildlife, land use, climate, water, science and research in rural WY.
- Revealed discrepancy in snowpack and water availability measurements and the future impact of climate change.

### Independent Journalist

*June 2025 - Nov. 2025*

*North Coast Current, inewsourc | San Diego, CA*

- Utilized Datawrapper, small-language AI models, Excel and PRAs.
- Covered ICE response and aided in an investigation that interviewed 100 people on a cross-border health crisis caused by water pollution.

### News Editor and Reporter

*June 2024 - May 2025*

*The Daily Aztec | San Diego, CA*

- Broke nationally-recognized, investigative story on a \$1.3M AI-capable surveillance system installed at SDSU without student notice & minimal oversight amid previous local controversy on surveillance inequality against communities of color.
- Created several top-trending stories and social content - driving nearly 400 shares on Instagram for one story.
- Led a team of about 10 news reporters and mentored them on accessing lawsuits and utilizing public records.

### Community Reporting Intern

*Jan. 2025 - May 2025*

*inewsourc | San Diego, CA*

- Garnered over 5,500+ pageviews utilizing SEO for reporting on wildfires and changing state electric bike legislation - the highest performing in the newsroom for their respective months.
- Developed TV and radio packages for a partnership with KPBS, San Diego's NPR affiliate, and social media videos.
- Filed public records requests and scraped through public meeting agendas to identify community stories.

## SKILLS

- Public records
- Photojournalism
- Datawrapper
- HTML/CSS
- Google Suite
- SEO
- WordPress
- Videography
- Social media
- AP Style
- TV/Radio
- Adobe tools

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor's Degree in Journalism

San Diego State University

2023 - 2025

Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List

### Certificate in Creative Editing & Publishing

San Diego State University

## AWARDS

### Excellence in Media Writing

Holle Center, University of Alabama

Oct. 2025

*"SDSU to spend \$1.3M on AI-enabled surveillance cameras."*

### First place Review/Criticism

San Diego Chapter SPJ

July 2025

*"Book Review: Gratitude, ecology and a new take on sci-fi"*