

MICHAEL PRICE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Investigative storyteller and data analytics student with a proven track record of deep-dive research, public records analysis, and operational leadership. Combines watchdog journalism rigor with emerging technical skills in SQL, Python, and data querying to translate complex information into actionable, human-centered narratives. Recognized with first-place reporting awards that drove state legislative reform and institutional policy change.

CORE SKILLS & TECHNOLOGIES

ANALYTICS & DATABASES SQL (queries, joins, aggregations); Python (Pandas, data cleaning); Excel; relational database concepts	INVESTIGATIVE & RESEARCH Public records requests (FOIA); document analysis; source development; fact-checking
COMMUNICATION & MEDIA Data storytelling; news writing; AP Style; video production & editing; media relations	EMERGING TECH & OPERATIONS Generative AI for NLP; AWS cloud architecture fundamentals; workflow optimization; team leadership

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics <i>Western Governors University (WGU)</i> • Coursework: Relational Databases & SQL, Exploratory Data Analysis with Python, Business Intelligence, Statistical Modeling	In Progress — ~60% Completed
Generative AI for Natural Language Processing (Certificate) <i>Great Learning / University of Texas at Austin</i> • Focus: NLP foundations, text pre-processing, transformer architectures, and applied language models	2024
Communications & Journalism Coursework <i>Brigham Young University–Idaho — Rexburg, ID</i> • Focus: Investigative reporting, media law and ethics, digital editing, and multimedia production	2013–2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Production Team Lead <i>Olive & Cocoa Woodworks</i> Coordinate daily manufacturing workflows and task distribution across the shop floor to meet strict delivery deadlines. Monitor throughput metrics and assembly quality, proactively resolving operational bottlenecks. Direct and mentor team members, reinforcing safety compliance and clear cross-functional communication.	2024–Present <i>Salt Lake City, UT</i>
Shipping Supervisor / Logistics <i>Mountainland Supply Company</i> Supervised warehouse fulfillment operations and safety standards for the shipping department. Optimized delivery routing schedules to improve on-time fulfillment across regional routes. Audited shipment accuracy and reconciled inventory movements across facilities to minimize order discrepancies.	Aug 2022–Jul 2024 <i>Spanish Fork / Orem, UT</i>
Editor-in-Chief <i>Community Pioneer</i> Directed editorial strategy and newsroom operations, managing coverage and social distribution for an active local readership. Researched, authored, and edited in-depth stories covering municipal government, local business, and community affairs.	Nov 2020–Jun 2022 <i>Shelley, ID</i>
Multimedia Journalist <i>EastIdahoNews.com</i> Investigated, reported, and produced multimedia news content under tight daily deadlines. Analyzed public records and court documents to uncover systemic consumer issues and institutional policy impacts. Cultivated and maintained a network of more than 20 primary community, legal, and government sources.	Aug 2017–Jun 2020 <i>Idaho Falls, ID</i>

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **First Place: Watchdog / Investigative Report (TV) — 2019:** Exposed predatory medical debt collection practices, contributing to new consumer protection legislation in Idaho.
- **First Place: Education Reporting (Daily Print) — 2019:** Reported on BYU-Idaho student health plan restrictions involving Medicaid, leading to an immediate policy reversal.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board Member, Kiwanis Club of Shelley | Dec 2020–Mar 2022