

Overall during this process, I thought I grew a lot. I enjoyed that I got to choose my own person because I got to interview someone I thought was very interesting and learn about their life and career more in-depth. During this, I had many challenges, but even double because of who I was interviewing. I had to come up with questions that would provide for a great profile piece, but I also had to remember who I was interviewing. This was the professor that spent an entire semester teaching me and coaching me on how to properly interview people. He also expressed to me how I was a very promising student in terms of the investigations and interrogations I had to do in front of the class and used me for examples and scenarios I had to act out as examples to future students that he used to the University he went to in San Jose. Overall, I think it went very well. As I've said throughout the class, this is really the first time I've had to write in this kind of formatting. I'm used to writing in an academic format, so having to write in this kind of journalistic format where I'm not taking a position, I'm not including much of my own voice, strictly staying with facts and quotes was difficult. It's difficult because it goes against everything I've been taught how to write, so I'm constantly having to remind myself how to write. However, I felt in the end, my interviewing, writing, and editing paid off and I came up with a great profile piece. Even though I'm not necessarily pursuing a future in journalism, I need to learn how to interview people, ask questions, and be able to be objective for the career I'm pursuing. It also can never hurt to learn a new skill, so through this process and workshop, I think it taught me a lot of valuable skills!