



# Kirsten Swanson



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## EXPERIENCE

### KSTP, St. Paul, MN

### Reporter/Investigative Reporter

January 2017 – Present

- Investigative reports resulted in changes to Army policy and city ordinances
- Pitch exclusive enterprise stories that lead daily newscasts
- Emphasis in crime and justice reporting
- Notable stories include: Minneapolis police officer convicted of murdering an Australian woman
- Research, write and report investigative stories
- Work on multiple long-term projects at a time, in addition to daily beat reporting responsibilities

### KOAT, Albuquerque, NM

### Reporter/Fill-in Anchor

June 2014 – December 2016

- Enterprised lead stories for daily 10 p.m. newscast and reported on breaking news
- Fill-in anchor when needed
- Contributed stories to Target 7 investigative unit
- Used social media to source stories and engage with audience

### KNBN, Rapid City, SD

### Evening Anchor/Reporter

May 2013 – May 2014

- Wrote, shot and edited stories as a general assignment reporter for daily newscasts
- Co-anchored the 10 p.m. newscast five days a week
- Generated story ideas ranging from localizing national issues to community-based features
- Wrote copy for website and posted on social media accounts

### CNN, New York, NY

### Assignment Desk Intern

January 2013 – April 2013

- Researched and gathered news items around the northeast region of the United States
- Wrote news stories that were distributed on CNN's wire service
- Contributed to field reports by interviewing sources and gathering information for CNN correspondents, including during the Boston Marathon bombings and Hurricane Sandy recovery

### KCNC, Denver, CO

### News Intern

May 2012 – August 2012

- Assisted reporters and photographers in the field on stories, including the Aurora theater shooting
- Produced, wrote, edited and anchored individual A-block segment
- Worked on the assignment desk researching news tips and helping to coordinate coverage

## EDUCATION

### Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

May 2013

Bachelor of Arts: Journalism and Technical Communications  
Minor: Political Science

## Awards

- 2024 Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists Page One Awards: 1st Place Investigative - "Out of Options"
- 2023 Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists Page One Awards: 1st Place Investigative - "Forced Out"
- 2023 - Nine Upper Midwest Emmy Awards Nominations
- 2022 - Nine Upper Midwest Emmy Awards Nominations
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- 2021 Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists Page One Awards: 1st Place Investigative - "In the Red"
- 2021 Five Upper Midwest Emmy Awards Nominations
- 2020 Two Upper Midwest Emmy Awards Nominations
- 2019 Upper Midwest Emmy Awards: Nominated in Investigative Report-Single Story
- 2019 Upper Midwest Emmy Awards: Nominated in Military-News Single Story
- 2013 Heartland Emmy Finalist: Student Achievement in Long Form Non-Fiction

## Skills

- iNews, Final Cut Pro, Avid Newscutter
- Social media
- Comprehensive knowledge of court/legal documents

## Volunteer Work

- Club Leader, Hennepin Hoofbeats 4-H Club, Plymouth, Minnesota, April 2018 to present

## Social Media



Kirsten Swanson



@KirstenSwansonTV  
3.9K followers



@KirstenKSTP  
2.8K followers



@kirstenreports  
1K followers