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University Honors Program Alumnus Charles Minshew can add Pulitzer Prize to his list of accomplishments. Minshew (Political Science, 2011) is on the team of the *Denver Post* reporters recognized by the Pulitzer Prize jury for their coverage of the Aurora, Colorado movie theater shootings on July 20, 2012. The *Denver Post* team won in the category of "Breaking News Reporting." Particularly noted was the way the *Denver Post* "[used] journalistic tools, from Twitter and Facebook to video and written reports, both to capture a breaking story and provide context."



Minshew's work at the *Denver Post* was as a Dow Jones News Fund summer intern, a competitive opportunity for students in journalism. Minshew's contribution to the award-winning coverage of the Aurora shootings included his work as web producer to update the story online, using social media and interactive tools and developing the online timeline that provided context and updates as the story unfolded. The whole package of work considered by the Pulitzer Prize jury can be found here: <http://www.pulitzer.org/works/2013-Breaking-News-Reporting>.

Minshew, currently enrolled in the Master's program at the [Missouri School of Journalism](#), said about the experience working on the story, "We spent every day making sure that our community was well informed about the theater shooting. That summer showed me what teamwork was all about. Everyone gave it their all."

His mentor at Missouri, Assistant Professor Amy Simons said, "His dedication to his craft and willingness to take risks and experiment with new storytelling techniques and delivery methods is unequalled and something I very much admire. I look forward to watching him continue to grow as journalist and see where his promising career takes him."

Earlier in the year, Minshew was among among the throng of media covering the second inauguration of President Barack Obama. He chosen from a competitive, nationwide pool of journalism graduate students to participate in [PBS NewsHour's](#) "Vote 2012: College Tour Inauguration Multimedia Short Course." While a student at Georgia Southern, Minshew attended President Obama's first inauguration in 2009. Later in 2009, he participated in Georgia Southern's Eagles in D.C. program and worked in Congressman John Barrow's office.

While in graduate school, Minshew has focused on convergence journalism, publishing stories across many platforms. He is the multimedia editor for [Vox Magazine](#) as well as a teaching assistant for classes on multimedia technique. He has worked as a reporter for KBIA 91.3 in Columbia, Missouri, and published a chapter in the e-book, [Unfit to Read](#) through the [Columbia Missourian](#) newspaper.

"Georgia Southern prepared me for things like this. It gave me confidence and knowledge to reach for things that may not have been available otherwise," Minshew told [The George-Anne](#), Georgia Southern's student newspaper. During his years at Georgia Southern, Minshew was Editor-in-Chief of [The George-Anne](#) as well as editor of [The Reflector](#) and the first writer of [Honors@Georgia Southern](#).

"As a student in the University Honors Program, I was taught and challenged to go out into the world, ask questions, and to always strive to learn something new. I believe my time at Georgia Southern perfectly prepared me for these opportunities." Minshew said.

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