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CSUN Journalism Day

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Nordhoff Hall, CSUN

Ms. Moore, an English and journalism teacher, book club advisor, and UTLA chapter chair, took Kaylee Herrera and I to the campus of CSUN for journalism day. We were welcomed by faculty and staff. Upon arrival we were seated in Nordhoff hall 113 and given a brief introduction of what we would be doing.



There were 6 different competition topics which were news and opinion, features, sports, photography, videography, and an adviser session.

Kaylee Herrera and I participated in the feature competition which lasted from 9:25 am to 10:50 am. The competition was very competitive and stressful but we prevailed and were able to finish our feature story on time.

Right after the competition, we were able to explore and go to 2 out of 6 different workshops which were by LAT fellow Jireh Deng. He talked about teaching yourself visual and audio journalism skills. A podcast producer named Eder Diaz Santillan who explains how using audio storytelling can make a difference. Andres Soto who is a project production assistant at ESPN explained how he became a sports reporter and what sports reporters do. Brittney Mejia, a metro

reporter for LA Times and Paul Roa, a photojournalist for LA Times were unfortunately unable to make it. At the CSUN journalism department, there was a meet and greet with faculty and also a tour for participants.

After the workshop segment of the event, CSUN was kind enough to provide a selection of subway sandwiches for all participants to enjoy for lunch. After lunch there was an award ceremony that was held for the best students who participated in the competitions held in the morning.

After the ceremony , Eder Diaz Santillan held a special heartwarming speech upon a podium. He went on to explain his hardships and struggles, as well as his journey throughout college. He held determination and dedication throughout his career and inspires not only Kaylee Herrera and I, but everyone who attended.