Three Kennesaw State alums returned to campus on Feb. 6 to speak to students about working in the field of journalism. The event, which was sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, attracted nearly 40 students.

Shaddi Abusaid, Thomas Hartwell and Lauren Leathers were part of a panel discussion held in Room 2025 of the Social Sciences Building. The three former students shared their experiences in the field and took questions from current students.

Student questions ranged from asking about each alum’s specific work experiences to more general questions about how to get started in the field. The event lasted for a little over an hour.

Abusaid is currently a breaking news reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The 2013 alum was the former news editor of the KSU Sentinel. Prior to working at the AJC, he was a reporter at the Marietta Daily Journal and Cherokee Tribune.

Hartwell, a 2017 alum, now works at the Marietta Daily Journal as an education reporter. Prior to his time at the MDJ, he worked at the Cherokee Tribune and was chief copy editor for the KSU Sentinel.

Leathers, also a 2017 alum, serves as content strategist for the University of Georgia. Her experience includes working as web editor for Georgia Public Broadcasting, music editor for ArtsATL and a freelance writer for Atlanta Magazine.