

# OMAR RASHAD

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## EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- Expected graduation: June 2022
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Journalism

El Camino College

- Graduated June 2020
- Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Journalism
- Earned Presidential Scholars Award for stellar academic performance and substantial community involvement

## SKILLS

- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe InDesign
- Microsoft Office
- Google Apps
- Datawrapper
- Flourish
- SEO
- Yoast

## MEMBERSHIP

- Asian American Journalists Association
- Investigative Reporters and Editors
- Online News Association

## LANGUAGES

- **Hindi** (conversational)

## AWARDS

- 2019 Multimedia Photojournalist of the Year, Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles (PPAGLA)
- First Place Best News Video, 2020 California College Media Awards (CCMA)
- First Place News Story, Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) 2020 State Publication Awards
- First Place Feature Story, Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) 2019 SoCal Write-In Awards

## EXPERIENCE

### San Francisco Chronicle

Metro and Breaking News Reporting Intern  
San Francisco, California | June 2021 - current

- Writes two to four breaking news articles daily
- Reports extensively on climate, including wildfires, heat waves and water and drought issues

### Mustang News

Lead Data and Investigations Reporter

San Luis Obispo, California | September 2020 - June 2021

- Coordinated data and investigations coverage on multiple topics including sexual assault, policing and university housing.
- Investigated coronavirus safety issues via obtained documents and deep sourcing after being stonewalled by university:
  - [Muir Hall's third floor in quarantine after two coronavirus cases](#)
  - [Cal Poly Is Isolating COVID-Positive Students In Cerro Vista — But Officials Haven't Told Residents](#)

### CalMatters

Editorial Fellow/Intern via Dow Jones News Fund

Sacramento, California | March 2020 - June 2021

- Pitched and wrote multiple enterprise stories on California higher education
- Contributed to collaborative reporting projects which distilled complicated issues and state policy into accessible online stories
- Co-moderated and spoke at CalMatters public town hall events
- Reported on majority-white police departments that serve majority non-white students at California public universities:  
[UC, Cal State police much less diverse than the students they serve](#)

### The Union

• Editor-in-Chief and Reporter

Torrance, California | December 2019 - June 2020

- Led newsroom through local coronavirus coverage
- Prioritized collaborative projects to improve team-building through virtual means
- Created bimonthly newsletter and grew email list to more than 1,100 subscribers in three months
- Introduced SEO to online products

• Managing Editor, News Editor and Reporter

Torrance, California | June - December 2019

- Edited and published five to seven articles per week online
- Designed and edited front page and news pages for bimonthly newspaper
- Covered local breaking news, education and homelessness
- Organized bimonthly circulation of 5,000 newspapers