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EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude in 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 excellent academic performance and substantial community involvement

SKILLS

- Cleaning datasets
- Filing public records requests efficiently
- Citing case law to push back on public records request denials
- Datawrapper
- Adobe InDesign

AWARDS

- Fourth Place 2021 Reporter of the Year, Associated Collegiate Press (National)
- Second Place 2021 Diversity Story of the Year, Associated Collegiate Press (National)
- 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 Awards

MEMBERSHIPS

- Asian American Journalists Association
- Investigative Reporters and Editors

EXPERIENCE

The Seattle Times

Metro and Breaking News Reporting Intern

Seattle, Washington | June 2022 - current

- Files breaking news stories within one to two hours of assignment
- Covers crime, weather, election races, COVID-19 and impacts of Supreme Court rulings
- Pursues enterprise reporting on higher education and courts

CalMatters

• Senior Reporting Fellow

Sacramento, California | September 2021 - June 2022

- Coordinated, edited and reported enterprise stories on California higher education
- Provided professional development to a class of 13 reporting fellows
- Coached fellows through reporting and public records obstacles

• Reporting 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](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Metro and Breaking News Reporting Intern

San Francisco, California | June - September 2021

- Wrote two to four breaking news articles daily
- Reported extensively on climate subjects including wildfires, heat waves, earthquakes, water and drought issues, energy and air quality
- Broke news on tuition hikes and vaccine mandates:
 - [UC regents approve tuition hikes. Here's how much more students can expect to pay](#)
 - [Cal State mandates COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff this fall](#)

Mustang News

• Data and Investigations Editor and Reporter

San Luis Obispo, California | June 2021 - June 2022

- Coordinated team of three investigative reporters and four data analysts
- Developed, edited and reported data-driven and investigative stories about Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the local community

• 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:
 - [Cal Poly Is Isolating COVID-Positive Students In Cerro Vista — But Officials Haven't Told Residents](#)