

# Sorina Szakacs

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## Summary of Qualifications

*\* 11 years newsroom experience as a reporter and editor-in-chief \* 7 years experience in editing academic and journalistic content \* Goal oriented and ambitious*

## Experience

### Los Feliz Ledger

#### Ledger Contributing Writer March 2020-Present

Social and enterprise reporting

#### The Collegian, Collegian Times L.A. City College Newspaper and Magazine Aug. 2015- Dec. 2019

■ Reporter Fall 2015, Editor-in-chief Spring- Fall 2016, Section Editor Spring 2017, Reporter and Layout Fall 2017 *The Collegian*. Reporter Spring 2018, Editor-in-chief Spring 2019 *Collegian Times Magazine*

## Awards and Honors

### Individual Awards 2016-2020

■ Los Angeles Press Club 12<sup>th</sup> National Arts and Entertainment Awards- **First Place** for 2018/2019- Best Arts and Entertainment Profile

■ Los Angeles Press Club 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Journalism Awards- **First Place**-Best Feature Writing

■ 2016 California College Media Association –**Second Place**- Best Non-Breaking News Story Division: Non-weekly

■ The Columbia Scholastic Press Association –**Second Place**- Personality Profile for News Publications -2019

- **Second Place**- Best Non-Breaking Story- 2020 CCMA Awards
- Los Angeles Press Club 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Journalism Awards- **Third Place**- Best Enterprise Writing
- **Third Place** – Best Magazine Story- 2020 CCMA Awards
- Journalism Association of Community Colleges- 2018 SoCal Publication Award- **Fourth Place**-Magazine News Feature
- Journalism Association of Community Colleges-2017 SoCal Publication Award- Enterprise News Story/Series -**Meritorious**-
- Journalism Association of Community Colleges- 2019 SoCal Publication Award- Enterprise News Story/Series- **Meritorious**

#### **Publication Awards – Collegian Times Magazine -Editor-in-Chief- 2019**

- Collage Media Association- Pinnacle- feature Magazine of the Year 2019
- 2019 Associated Collegiate Press- Magazine Pacemaker Award
- 2019 Associated Collegiate Press Best of Show Award- Fifth Place- Feature Magazine
- Gold Medalist- 2019- The Columbia Scholastic Press Association- Columbia University in the City of New York
- General Excellence - JACC SoCal 2019 Publication Awards- Journalism Association of Community Colleges
- Second Place- In-House or Corporate Publication- Magazine- 2020- 62<sup>nd</sup> SoCal Journalism Awards- Los Angeles Press Club
- First Place- Best Print Cover/Student-Maggie Awards 2019/20

#### **Publication Awards – Collegian Times Magazine -Staff- 2017, 2018**

- **Pacemaker Finalist**- 2018 Associated Collegiate Press
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- **Mark Excellence** - Student Magazine- 2017-Society of Professional Journalists Region 11
- **First Place with Special Merit**- Collegian Times-2017- American Scholastic Press Association

**Publication Awards – Los Angeles Collegian- Reporter, Section Editor, Editor-in-Chief- 2015-2019**

- **First Place**- Best College Newspaper -2017- Los Angeles Press Club
- **Best Newspaper** (Two-Year School) – 2017- The David L. Adams Apple Award- College Media Association
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**Honors and Scholarships**

- Los Angeles City College President’s Honors – Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Los Angeles City College Dean’s Honors – Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
- Ralph Bunche Scholars Program
- Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society
- William Henry Snyder Scholarship recipient
- Richard A. Gross Scholarship Recipient

## **Education**

### **Los Angeles City College 2015-2019**

Majors: AA in Journalism, Studio Arts, Art History, English, Liberal Arts

GPA: Journalism: 4.00, overall: 3.95.

Graduation Date: June 2020. Estimated transfer to a four-year-school: Spring 2021

### **Skills and Languages**

Proficient in Microsoft office and FTP Interfaces on Windows and Mac OS (all editions) Working Knowledge of: AP Style, InDesign, Photoshop, Quark Express, IMovie Languages: Romanian, English, Spanish (beginner's level), Italian (beginner's level)

\* Digital Photography Skill Certificate \*Photography Darkroom Certificate \*  
Photojournalism Certificate