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I am an education reporter for the nonprofit San Antonio Report. I cover PK-Grad school in Bexar County and the surrounding areas. I was previously the Early Childhood Education at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a member of the Crossroads Lab, an editorial initiative to explore under-covered topics critical to the future of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Before that, I worked in Beaumont, Texas covering K-12 and higher education for Hearst newspapers. I reported on Arizona state politics and natural disasters while I studied at Arizona State University. Stories I have written have generated audience and subscribers, sparked community-wide conversations and led to policy changes at several major school districts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

San Antonio Report • San Antonio, Texas, United States • 01/2023 - Present Education Reporter

As the education reporter for the San Antonio Report, I report on 18 traditional independent school
districts, a community college system, three major universities and dozens of charter and private
schools. Between deep dives, explainers and daily stories I collaborate to host events and panels,
appear on television and connect with the community.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram • Fort Worth, Texas, United States • 06/2021 - 01/2023 Early Childhood Education Reporter

• I wrote about education for children ages 0-8, with a focus on the fragile sector of childcare and literacy at Fort Worth Independent School District. I also investigated inequities in school libraries and drove readership with a look inside Fort Worth classrooms as the Omicron variant of COVID-19 pushed districts to new extremes.

Beaumont Enterprise • Beaumont, Texas • 09/2019 - 06/2021 **Education Reporter**

 I covered over 20 school districts as well as 3 community colleges and Lamar University for the oldest newspaper in Southeast Texas. I covered the difficulties faced by students and teachers as they traversed several devastating floods and hurricanes, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic. I investigated high rates of teen suicide in an award-winning feature and explored suspension policies in a joint investigation with the Houston Chronicle.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in Journalism

Arizona State University - Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication • 01/2015 - 05/2019

Certificate in International Studies

Arizona State University • Tempe, Arizona • 05/2019

Minor in Political Science

Arizona State University • Tempe, Arizona • 05/2019

Data Analysis, News Reporting, AP style, Data Visualization