


Makena Huey

award-winning journalist with a passion
for empowering others through storytelling


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EDUCATION

Pepperdine University

B.A. English - Writing & Rhetoric, Minor in
Journalism
2017 - 2021
GPA: 3.98 (summa cum laude)

SKILLS

- WordPress, Camayak, social media
- Basic Spanish
- Writing and editing, including AP Style

AWARDS

- California News Publishers Association:
General Excellence, fourth place
- LA Press Club's Southern California Journalism
Awards: Best College Newspaper, third place
- Associated Collegiate Press: Newspaper
Pacemaker Winner, Online Pacemaker Winner,
Magazine Pacemaker Finalist
- College Media Association: Best Special Edition
- Pepperdine Student Publications Awards:
Superior Staff Member, Editorial Leadership,
Best All-Around Contributor, Service Spirit

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reporter

The Acorn Newspapers, May 2021 - Present

- Write about seven stories per week as the sole
reporter for the Camarillo Acorn, covering local
government, education, court and crime
- Cover county-wide events and topics for other
four editions
- Lay out print edition of the Camarillo Acorn
each week and manage website
- Establish Instagram presence to increase website
traffic for all editions while maintaining the
Camarillo Acorn's Facebook and Twitter
accounts
- Contribute to Beyond the Acorn magazine and
Branching Out podcast
- Previous Role: Moorpark reporter

Contributor

Locale Magazine, March 2022 - Present

- Write freelance articles for the Southern
California lifestyle magazine, which has 100
million annual impressions

Executive Editor

Pepperdine Graphic Media, Spring 2021

- Oversaw Pepperdine's student-run multi-media
publications
- Managed leadership team and remotely trained
80+ students
- Produced award-winning special edition about
journalism
- Pioneered news literacy and diversity projects
- Worked 50 hours per week in digital-first
newsroom

Managing Editor

The Graphic, Fall 2020

- Edited all content while managing staff
- Produced award-winning special edition of data
journalism, writing story about sexual assault
- Covered breaking news (COVID-19, elections,
Woolsey fire, Borderline shooting)
- Previous Roles: Copy Editor

Editorial Intern

San Diego Community News Group, Summer 2020

- Produced weekly pitches and assignments,
writing several front-page articles
- Copy edited and assisted with page design while
improving social media presence

Editor-in-Chief

Currents Magazine, Spring 2020

- Produced award-winning magazine about gender
equality on campus, writing story about
intersectional feminism
- Pitched magazine's theme, stories and visual
elements while mentoring staff
- Previous Roles: Assistant Editor, Assistant,
Copy Editor

Content Creator

MakeupByMakena.com, 2015 - Present

- Create written and visual beauty content for my
website and social media accounts
- Collaborate with brands to increase sales and
generate income