

## Sorina Szakacs

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### Education

**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY**

**Graduated May 2025**

**M.A. Business & Economics**

**Key courses:** Accounting for International & Public Affairs, Business & Economics and Investigative Techniques

**Thesis:** “Murky Outcomes: The Fight for Clean Water in Pennsylvania’s Susquehanna County”- received Philip Greer Memorial Award for financial writing.

**Class Work:** I reported on inequality, the hotel workers strike in Honolulu, rising egg prices in NYC, migrant children in NYC shelters, the labor market and shortage of nurses in NYC hospitals. I am currently working on longform stories focused on NYC refugees from Ecuador and Venezuela.

**Columbia University School of General Studies, New York, NY**

**2022- 2024**

**B.A. English, Honors: Magna Cum Laude**

**Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA**

**2015-2019**

**A.A. in Journalism, Art History, English, Studio Arts, Honors: Summa Cum Laude**

### Experience

**The Salt Lake Tribune – Internship**

**June 17 – Sept. 9, 2025**

General assignment/ feature writing reporter

Covered events, board meetings; wrote daily stories focused on religion, education, the environment; worked on long-form and features covering arts and culture and a series of three stories about the only Black-owned financial institution in the Rockies.

**The Collegian, L.A. City College Newspaper and Collegian Times Magazine**

**Aug. 2015- May 2025**

**\*The Collegian Newspaper**

Editor-in Chief 2017-2024; Reporter 2016-2024; Layout 2017; Section editor 2017; Illustrations 2018

Lead the newsroom for six years and won a series of national publication awards, like the [First Place- Pinnacle Award](#) in 2022 or the [2017 David L. Adams Apple Awards](#). Received over 30 [awards for my reporting](#).

Covered social justice issues, education, disability and wrote investigative pieces.

**\*Collegian Times Magazine**

Co-Editor-in-Chief & Copy Editor 2024; Editor-in-Chief 2022, 2019; Reporter 2017-2023; Multimedia Producer 2022

Curated, edited and helped reporters create content, videos and produced [multimedia packages](#) and [podcasts](#) that won [national awards](#) from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Under my leadership, the magazine received the [Magazine Pacemaker Award](#) and was inducted into Pacemaker 100. In 2019 we won [First Place Pinnacle Award](#).

**Los Feliz Ledger Contributing Writer**

**March 2020-March 2021**

Covered [COVID-19's impact](#) on communities like Los Feliz, Silver Lake, Atwater Village, Echo Park and Hollywood Hills during and after L.A.'s lockdown. I focused on small businesses and the pandemic's financial burden, how coronavirus changed places of worship and after-school programs, how it affected nursing homes and what Los Angelenos thought about a future vaccine.

### Skills

**Languages:** English, Romanian (native), Spanish (advanced level), Italian (beginner's level)

**Certificates:** Bilingual Journalism: Covering Latino Communities, Bloomberg Financial Fundamentals, California Humanities- Emerging Journalist Fellow- 2021 & 2022, Digital Photography Skill Certificate, Photography Darkroom Certificate, Photojournalism Certificate, LACC EON-XR Training-Student Creator Badge.

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa Society, Columbia G.S. Honor Society, Barbara Seward Price Scholarship 2023, Columbia University Dean's List 2024-2022, L.A. City College President's Honors 2016-2019, Ralph Bunche Scholars Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, William Henry Snyder Scholarship, Richard A. Gross Scholarship.

**Leadership:** President of the Columbia Journalism School Alliance of Journalists with Disabilities