# SYD CHARLES

# **Multimedia Journalist**

# CONTACT



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# EDUCATION

**University of Southern California** Journalism, M.S. 2021-2022

**University of California, Irvine** Literary Journalism, B.A. 2017-2021

# AWARDS

Hearst Endowed Fellowship in Journalism 2021-2022 CASE District VII Gold Award

2021

Distinguished Anteater Award

2019-2020

Expression Award

2019-2020

# SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Reporting, Interviewing
- AP and broadcast writing
- Video editing
- Research verification
- Proofreading
- Directing
- Web Design
- Social media strategies
- Coding

# PROFILE

Innovative journalist with 5+ years of experience in the <u>newsroom</u> seeking a broadcast position.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### News Anchor, General News Reporter, Editor,

Annenberg Media and TV News, Los Angeles, CA (2021-current)

- Weekly field reporter and news <u>anchor</u>, created content and edited <u>packages</u> for the newsroom under daily deadlines, conducted live shots.
- Pitched story ideas, worked with digital, social media, print. and audio teams to produce content
- Focused specifically on marginalized and underserved populations
- Edited video sequences, teases, wrote scripts

#### **Editor, Co-Director**

In the AM with PM, Annenberg Media, Los Angeles, CA (2021-2022)

- Produced show layout, script and video edits for weekly entertainment <u>show</u>
- Delegated story topics for hosts
- Produced content for Instagram and social media pages to promote on-campus presence

#### Creator, Co-producer, Show Host

Black Fam 2.5, Irvine, CA (2020-current)

- Created monthly podcast, explored <u>news</u>, current events, <u>popular culture</u>
- Managed broadcast duties including developing story ideas, interviewing community and educational leaders, arranged extensive special edition episodes
- Ran Facebook, Instagram and Twitter social media pages
- Co-anchored original Instagram tv-series focused on COVID-19 disparities and Blackowned businesses in the Orange County and LA areas
- Made promotional <u>appearances</u> and hosted <u>events</u>
- Received <u>local</u> recognition for <u>coverage</u> of George Floyd killing and highlighting issues in BIPOC communities in the <u>Orange County</u> area

#### Creator, Co-producer, Co-host

The Welcome Table with Sydney and Tatum, Irvine, CA (2020-2021)

- Series funded by the UCI Black Thriving Initiative and featured on the official University of California, Irvine <u>Humanities</u> newsletter with a mailing list of over 12,000
- Garnered over 1,100 YouTube views and 250,000 social media impressions
- Secured interview subjects, edited videos, created scripts, pitched story ideas

#### Lead Campus News Editor

The New University, Irvine, CA (2018-2021)

- Authored captivating articles about newsworthy <u>stories</u> on campus
- Edited, proofread, verified research for articles written by staff
- Assigned stories, created pitch emails for news team
- Coached editors and writers on AP Style and news
- Undertook role as campus news editor during second year of college

#### **Content Writer**

InSight Magazine, Irvine, CA (2018-2019)

- ∉ Reported, interviewed, and researched for a student-run digital and print publication with
  - a mission of shining a spotlight on poverty and turning awareness into action
- ∉ Composed <u>articles</u> with a focus on shared human experiences

### Lead Content Writer, Features, News

UCI Paul Merage School of Business (2019-2021)

- Crafted weekly compelling and grammatically accurate <u>articles</u>
- Conducted extensive research, interviews, and revisions to ensure factual information