

# Megan L. Rodriguez

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## EDUCATION

**Texas A&M University**, College Station, Texas  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication | Journalism minor | Strategic Communication certificate

May 2019  
Magna Cum Laude

## EXPERIENCE

**San Antonio Express-News**, San Antonio, TX

September 2021 – Present

*City Hall Reporter* | December 2022 – Present

- Write three to six stories per week ranging from digital, trending stories that bring readers onto the Express-News website to hard-hitting pieces about city officials misconduct and policies that influence the lives of residents

*Neighborhood Reporter* | September 2021 – December 2022

- Wrote two to four stories per week primarily about the cities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park and Terrell Hills while also serving as a general assignment and crime reporter on Saturdays.
- Reported on major news events including a missing 3-year-old San Antonio girl named Lina Sardar Khil, the Robb Elementary mass shooting in Uvalde and San Antonio's June tractor-trailer smuggling tragedy that left dozens of migrants dead.

**The Eagle**, Bryan, TX

August 2019 – September 2021

*City Government Reporter for Bryan and College Station*

- Wrote six stories per week plus long-term pieces within and outside of main beats, including features in The Eagle's quarterly Brazos 360 magazine, and in-depth stories on topics like student access to the internet in rural areas
- Created video content and sometimes took photos to compliment articles online and in the paper
- Wrote a Brazos 360 cover story about a legally blind A&M student pursuing a musical career. The story won the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities' Barbara Jordan Media Awards print profile.
- Wrote three stories in the newsroom-wide project about the anniversary of the 1999 A&M Bonfire collapse. The team won first place "Best Feature Series" from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors in 2020.

**San Antonio Express-News**, San Antonio, TX

May 2019 – August 2019

*Business Reporting Intern*

- Wrote articles for the business desk including features plus larger projects within health care and technology beats

**The Battalion - Texas A&M student newspaper**, College Station, TX

October 2015 – May 2019

*Editor-in-Chief* | August 2018 – May 2019

- The Battalion won the Associated Collegiate Press Newspaper Pacemaker Award for the first time since 2008
- Managed, hired and trained the 12-person editorial staff; oversaw a full newsroom staff of about 40 students
- Edited Maroon Life quarterly magazine / The Battalion's print editions three times per week and daily web content
- Led investigative projects including a three-edition series about the Corps of Cadets, with an emphasis on hazing
- Coordinated coverage of George H.W. Bush's funeral and burial ceremonies in D.C., Houston and College Station

*News Editor* | January 2017 – May 2017 // January 2018 – May 2018

- Managed a 15-person news desk – ran weekly meetings, trained writers and assigned, edited and wrote articles

*Assistant News Editor* | August 2016 – December 2016

- Trained new writers, assigned articles, edited content, wrote articles, created weekly content budget

*Reporter* | October 2015 – May 2016 // August 2017 – December 2017

- Wrote articles, served as general assistant copy editor twice a month, attended weekly meetings, pitched stories

**San Antonio Current**, San Antonio, TX

May 2018 – July 2018

*Editorial Intern*

- Wrote two to three articles per week, interviewed sources, livestreamed and photographed important coverages

**Insite Brazos Valley Magazine**, Bryan, TX

August 2017 – December 2017

*Writer*

- Wrote articles, promoted advertisements, articles, and events on social media, helped host monthly launch parties

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Texas APME Best Feature Series** (wrote three stories included in this newsroom-wide coverage) 2020
- **Barbara Jordan Media Awards print profile category** 2019
- **Associated Collegiate Press Newspaper Pacemaker Award** (newsroom-wide effort) 2018-2019 school year

## REFERENCES

**Greg Jefferson:** greg.jefferson@express-news.net

Metro Editor, San Antonio Express-News

**Julie Silva:** julie.silva@express-news.net

Deputy Metro Editor, San Antonio Express-News