

# Emily Alvarenga

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## Skills

- Conversant in English, Spanish and Portuguese
- Demonstrates good news judgment and attention to detail
- Proposes innovative, new story angles and ideas
- Creates multimedia news packages, including videos, stills, text and infographics
- Works well under pressure in a fast-paced news environment
- Highly motivated with an outgoing and upbeat attitude
- Confident producing multiple pieces on deadline daily
- Versatile writer able to tackle breaking news, in-depth features or investigative pieces
- Proficient in HTML and CSS coding and graphic design using Adobe Creative Cloud
- Utilizes social media and SEO analytical tools to enhance content

## Experience

**The San Diego Union-Tribune**, Community Reporter January 2022-Present

- San Diego's largest media company and its oldest business
- Covering the more than 50 diverse neighborhoods within the city of San Diego

**The Santa Clarita Valley Signal**, Senior Staff Writer February 2019-January 2022

- Santa Clarita's No. 1 source for local and breaking news
- Wrote as many as 3,000 words per day on deadline for the daily paper
- Read and edited page proofs before daily publication
- Coverage on the scene of the [North Fire](#) picked up by Associated Press, CBS, Yahoo, Deadline and more
- "[Unauthorized](#)" [ballot box](#) story picked up by national news outlets
- [American flag](#) story reached nearly 375,000 people on Facebook
- [Butterfly migration](#) article garnered 50,000 clicks on Facebook in less than a week

**Stars and Stripes Europe**, Contributing Writer October 2017-February 2019

- U.S. military's independent news organization for the military community
- [How to drive to France from the UK](#) article garnered more than 6,000 clicks in a week
- [Iceland](#) article was featured travel story on the site's home page

**CBS News 8**, Intern January 2017-June 2017

- Ranked No. 1 broadcast news station in San Diego
- Produced weather and traffic for on-air morning broadcasts
- Wrote scripts and edited videos on deadline without edits for on-air evening broadcasts
- Researched story ideas, retrieved video and assisted in the control room to bring the news to viewers

**The Daily Aztec**, Staff Columnist August 2013-June 2017

- San Diego State University's school newspaper
- [Housing ordinance](#) article was the top trending story for two weeks
- [Sexual assault](#) article resulted in additional mandatory sexual awareness training for students
- [Skateboarding](#) article caused the ban to be lifted, allowing skateboards in the bike lane

**Voice of San Diego**, Guest Columnist October 2016

- Pioneer nonprofit news organization serving San Diego
- Covered [Politifest](#), an event that focused on the November 2016 election

**Trident Media**, Contributing Writer July 2015-August 2016

- The school newspaper and magazine at the University of Hertfordshire in London
- [Christmas as an international student](#) article nominated for "Best Features Piece" [award](#)
- [Christmas: Then vs. now](#) article republished in the UK's [Student Publication Association](#)

## Education

**San Diego State University** Graduated May 2017

- Graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism and minor in television, film and media
- Peer advisor for the School of Journalism & Media Studies
- Member of the [Society of Professional Journalists](#)

**University of Hertfordshire**, Study Abroad July 2015-August 2016

- Studied journalism in London, England, for a full academic year