

Horus Alas

Writer | Reporter | Designer

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Editorial Experience

CASA | CASA in Action -

Elections Communications Manager

June 2022 - Feb. 2023; Hyattsville, MD

Composed and distributed political communications supporting CASA-backed candidates. Crafted language and edited design for door literature, mailers; static and video ads, radio ads, press releases, social media, etc.

The Loudoun Times-Mirror -

Education and Public Safety Reporter

Aug. 2021 - Jan. 2022; Leesburg, VA

Reported on key issues impacting K-12 education in Loudoun County, including critical race theory, mask and vaccine mandates. Broke stories on threats prompting a school board member to resign, rifts between sheriff's office and school administration.

U.S. News & World Report -

Reporter

Oct. 2020 - Aug. 2021; Washington, D.C.

Reported for U.S. News' three main government rankings verticals: Best States, Best Countries, and Cities. Wrote and produced data-driven stories with interactive graphics, and contributed stories to annual launch for mentioned verticals.

Maryland Matters -

Freelance Reporter

March 2020 - Oct. 2020; Silver Spring, MD

Reported on immigration policy, activism and local politics throughout the state. Focused on IGSA contracts with ICE, especially in Howard County.

Education

University of Maryland -

Master's in Journalism

Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2019; College Park, MD

Honed newswriting and reporting techniques with a focus on national politics and interactive web design.

University of Maryland -

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Aug. 2013 - Dec. 2015; College Park, MD

Studied ancient philosophy and world literature; surveys in Plato, Aristotle, Shakespeare, classics.

Skills

Political Strategy

- Drafted messaging in support of progressive candidates for Black, Latinx constituencies
- Used polling data to connect candidates with key issues in respective districts

Photography

- Used Nikon D750, D5100; 70-200 mm telephoto, 24-70 mm wide-angle lenses
- Cutlines, photo credit, image attribution

Digital Design

- Proficiency with html, css, interactive graphics
- Photoshop, GitHub, WordPress, Datawrapper

Writing, Reporting

- Fluent English and Spanish; working Italian, French
- AP Style; local through international reporting
- Feature, enterprise writing; copyediting, page proofs