

SRUSHTI GANGDEV

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PROFILE

Award-winning journalist with experience in writing and reporting for all platforms in major and smaller markets, with excellent writing and interviewing skills, and outstanding news judgement.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EDUCATION

- Winner of the **Jack Webster Foundation Award for Best Breaking News Reporting** - Radio (2020) for *Northern B.C. Murders*, awarded to AM980 CKNW
- Winner of the **RTDNA Charlie Edwards Award for Best Breaking News**, Radio, Western Region (2020) for *Metro Vancouver Transit Shutdown*, awarded to AM980 CKNW
- Winner of the **Jack Webster Foundation Student Journalism Award** (2018)
- **Diploma in Broadcast and Online Journalism** program with Distinction at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (2019)
- **Bachelor of Arts** in Asian Studies with a Specialization in South Asian Language and Culture from the University of British Columbia (2017)

EXPERIENCE

Reporter, Burnaby Beacon **March 2021-present**

- Part of the initial team building the Burnaby Beacon brand from the ground up
- Produced daily long- and short-form reporting and newsletters focusing on original, hyper-local and community-focused storytelling
- Contributed to the establishment and growth of the Beacon's credibility through quality, trustworthy journalism
- Operated fully remotely with little oversight and consistently met targets and goals
- Pushed for accountability from authorities of at all levels of government on a variety of issues including the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 federal election, the 2021 municipal byelection in Burnaby, and others

Radio Reporter/Anchor, AM980 CKNW/Global BC

December 2018-March 2021

- Participated in award-winning breaking news coverage of the northern B.C. manhunt and the Metro Vancouver Transit Shutdown
- Presented breaking news coverage of many historical events including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iran plane crash, the 2019 Canadian federal election, the 2020 B.C. provincial election, the 2020 U.S. federal election, the 2020 racial equality movements, and others
- Presented continuous coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic, often focusing on underrepresented communities and minorities
- Gathered stories, conducted interviews, and wrote and voiced stories for air on AM980 CKNW
- Wrote online copy for original stories published on globalnews.ca
- Conducted interviews on camera and virtually for TV for Global BC, reported for Global BC's News Hour, and was an active member of a collaborative multi-platform newsroom

Intern, CBC Vancouver

September 2018

- Went into the field to gather stories and conduct interviews for CBC News programming
- Wrote web stories for cbc.ca/bc, wrote copy for radio
- Set up interviews for reporters, completed fact checking as necessary

SKILLS

- Able to effectively follow direction and take criticism, fact-check and self-edit
- Able to conduct in-depth interviews, pose tough questions to authority figures and hold power to account
- Creative storyteller with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent at research, social media integration, metadata creation, content creation, storytelling
- Good at working independently and in a team
- Proficient with Burli, Wordpress, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere Pro

REFERENCES

- Terry Schintz, former manager, AM980 CKNW
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- Julia Foy, Instructor, BCIT Broadcast and Online Journalism Program
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