

**Alani Letang**/Represented by  (719) 963-9850

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seasoned reporter with extensive live, breaking news experience.
- Creative storyteller dedicated to getting to the heart of a story and creating memorable moments.
- Conversational and trusted talent who genuinely connects with viewers.
- Versatile journalist who easily pivots from politics to pocketbook issues.
- Maintains discretion, maturity, and composure, especially under pressure.
- Diligent and dependable newsroom staffer who leads by example.

## **BROADCASTING EXPERIENCE**

**Reporter/Fill-In Anchor**  
**KSWB-TV, San Diego, CA**  
**May 2022 to May 2024**

- Exclusive enterprise story that highlighted the health disparities of Black pregnant people giving birth, while speaking to a partner about his loss and medical experts about why the racial gap exists.
- Reported from the Mexico border leading up to the end of Title 42, including interviews with asylum seekers through the border wall and an activist in Tijuana who owns a migrant shelter.
- Build connections with both the Jewish and Islam communities in San Diego to make for faster and trusted sources in storytelling during Israel-Hamas war.
- Conducted multiple live interviews during a wildfire evacuation with people who spent the night in their cars or at a school gym. Only reporter who stayed to provide live updates by interviewing the district superintendent and Red Cross.
- In-depth coverage of the Bunny Fire, including speaking with evacuees and fire officials at the scene.
- Two days coverage from the frontlines of the three-day Kaiser strike, reporting from the picket lines.
- Provided continuous live shots from San Diego International Airport during holiday flight disruptions and finding new angles, such as luggage delays and legal rights of passengers.
- Secured exclusive in-person interview with a mother who survived a stabbing and carjacking.
- Live reports during winter storms, changing locations to capture the most impactful footage.

- Reported from the scene of a car over a cliff during winter storms. Interviewed people who saw the car go over, while writing to the surroundings.
- Established contacts with the House of Ukraine, a local non-profit that has been helping Ukrainian refugees, who provide exclusive leads for stories.
- Secured interview with the father of a boy who suffered a severe brain injury and followed his recovery progress until his return home.
- Versatile journalist, reporting from a "sports fan angle" covering the San Diego State University men's basketball team during the March Madness tournament by attending each school watch party. Also covered the San Diego Wave, a women's pro-team.

### **Anchor/Reporter**

**KSBW-TV, Salinas, CA**

**June 2019 to May 2022**

- Solo anchored, occasionally produced my 2-hour weekend morning newscast.
- Boosted ratings to make my show the second watch newscast in the market.
- Reported on the front lines of 2020 California wildfires, while appearing on TODAY show cut ins.
- Exclusive enterprise story shed light on kids with special needs and how they were affected by distance learning due to Covid.

### **Multimedia Journalist**

**WILX-TV, Lansing, MI**

**July 2017 to May 2019**

- Extensive coverage of the Larry Nassar trials in Ingham County and Eaton County courts, spending weeks getting victim impact statements and attending numerous Michigan State University board of trustees' meetings where students and others expressed frustration with the handling of Nassar and the sexual assault complaints.
- Followed the court cases of MSU gymnastics coach Kathie Klages and MSU president Lou Anna Smith on the handling of the Nassar investigation. Smith resigned and Klages retired.
- Interviewed, investigated a county animal shelter, which led to the firing of its director and retirement of its assistant director for negligence in animal care.
- Filmed, wrote, edited, and appeared for live shots bringing engaging stories to our viewers, about breaking news, community news.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- 2024 Jerry McCormick "Member of the Year" Award, San Diego Association of Black Journalists (SDABJ)

- 2023 EMMY Nomination for Live Reporting – “Reporter Alani Letang”, KSWB-TV, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
- 2023 Second Place Excellence in Journalism Award for "December Nights Return to Balboa Park," KSWB-TV, San Diego Press Club
- 2018 Best Friends Award for Investigative Reporting, “Animal Shelter Dog Investigation," WILX-TV, Michigan Pet Fund Alliance
- 2018 EMMY Nomination for Investigative Reporter, “Animal Shelter Dog Investigation," WILX-TV, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
- 2018 Award for Best in Category - News Reporter, WILX-TV, Michigan Association of Broadcasters
- 2018 Award for Best in Category - Investigative Story, “Animal Shelter Dog Investigation," WILX-TV, Michigan Association of Broadcasters

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- National Association of Black Journalist
- San Diego Association of Black Journalist (Treasurer and Scholarship Chair)

## **LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- SDABJ Pro for A Day (journalism bootcamp for college students) – Event Co-Organizer
- United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County Annual Golf Tournament – Participant/Emcee
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade - Co-Host
- Race for Autism – Participant
- NAACP 50th Annual Freedom Fund Life Membership Banquet – Emcee
- NAACP 90-Year Anniversary Celebration – Emcee
- Prancing Ponies Foundation Rally & Fashion Show - Emcee

## **TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**

- ENPS
- iNews
- Adobe Premiere

## **EDUCATION**

University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI  
 B.A., Communications, Minor: Leadership

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
M.A., Communications, Broadcast Journalism emphasis