# THE COUGAR **CHRONICLE**

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## Media Kit 2020-2021



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## 2020-2021 Media Kit

The Cougar Chronicle is the independent student newspaper at California State University San Marcos. Our award-winning media organization is managed, edited and written by students for our campus community of 17,000 students and 650 full and part-time faculty and administrators.

Our publication will be operating virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer an integrated multimedia platform for you to reach our audience:

- Our mobile-friendly website, csusmchronicle.com, reaches an average of 6,000 unique visitors and gets about 10,000 page views per month.
- The Cougar Chronicle's social media sites, including Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, drive traffic to our website.

## **HOW TO BUY AN AD**

- 1. Review our ad rates on p. 2 to determine what works best for your needs.
- 2. Email the form on p. 5 to csusmchronicle.advertising@gmail.com.
- 3. Send your ad artwork to us at csusmchronicle.advertising@gmail.com.
- 4. Pay for your ad by check or though our online portal at csusmchronicle.com/advertise.

We dedicate ourselves to the education and enlightenment of the campus community and we uphold the highest professional journalistic standards and ethics.

Your advertising dollars support scholarships for our student journalists. Thank you for your support of student media at CSUSM!



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## **ADVERTISING RATES**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be offering print advertising options; instead, we are offering two online ad options for our website: 1) a square ad located on the sidebar of the website and 2) a banner ad located beneath the fifth paragraph of each story.

The sidebar option is further divided - higher on the page (third widget from the top) or lower on the page (fifth widget from the top or lower, depending on if there are existing ads).

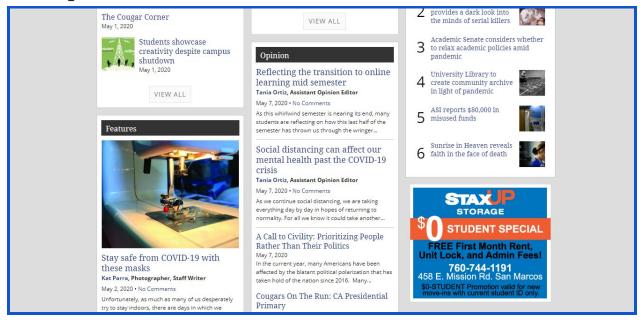
View the below chart for dimensions and prices and see the screenshots for examples of the ads.

Ad Description	Dimensions	Weekly Rate	Full Semester
Sidebar ad (third widget from the top)	300 x 250 pixels	Campus Partners: \$40 Off-Campus: \$45	Campus Partners: \$550 Off-Campus: \$625
Sidebar ad (fifth widget from the top or lower, depending on existing ads)	300 x 250 pixels	Campus Partners: \$35 Off-Campus: \$40	Campus Partners: \$500 Off-Campus: \$550
Banner ad (beneath fifth paragraph of each story)	468 x 60 pixels	Campus Partners: \$40 Off-Campus: \$45	Campus Partners: \$550 Off-Campus: \$625

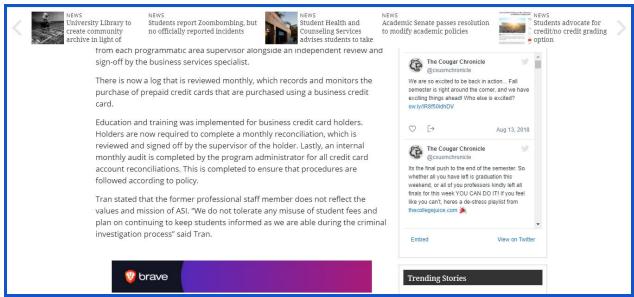


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#### 1) Square Ad (website sidebar)



### 2) Banner ad (beneath fifth paragraph of each story)





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## **AD SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **FORMAT:**

- Accepted artwork formats include .tiff, PDF, .png and .jpeg.
- All artwork must have a resolution of at least 400 dpi and must be the correct purchase size. Low resolution or the wrong dimensions may cause a delay in the release of your ad.
- The Cougar Chronicle reserves the right to put a border around ads, if needed.

#### **GENERAL POLICIES:**

- The content, form, size, wording, illustrations and typography of all advertisements are subject to the approval of the Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief has the right to refuse any ad for any reason.
- The advertiser and/or advertising agency assumes liability for all content of advertisements printed, and also assumes responsibility for any claims made against The Cougar Chronicle.
- The Cougar Chronicle does not support or engage in "native advertising," where a client pays or sponsors journalists to cover a story.
- The Cougar Chronicle fully adheres to the ethics of independent investigative reporting. Advertisements in our website and PDF newspaper editions are the only ways we accept promotional requests.
- Once advertising has been confirmed, we offer a convenient online payment system for most major credit cards with a small, variable, processing fee. The online pay portal is at csusmchronicle.com/advertise.
- Payment by check can be mailed directly to the CSUSM Cashier's Office (enclose a copy of your ad form and write "Cougar Chronicle" in the memo line).
- Payment in advance is required until credit can be established.
- Additional advertisements will not be accepted from clients whose account balances are more than 30 days past due.



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## **ADVERTISING ORDER FORM**

COMPANY NAME:	
CONTACT NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
CAMPUS PARTNER OR OFF-CAMPUS CLIENT:	
AD SELECTION	
ONLINE ADS (Check desired option):	
300 x 250 pixels (third widget from top)	
300 x 250 pixels (fifth widget from top or lower, depending on current ads) _	
468 x 60 pixels:	
Weekly or full semester:	
If weekly, # of weeks:	
TOTAL COST:	



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### **PAYMENT**

#### CHECK:

Mail your payment directly to:

California State University San Marcos Attn: Cashier's Office 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Rd. San Marcos, CA, 92096

Make sure you enclose a copy of your ad form and write "Cougar Chronicle" in the memo line.

OR

#### **CREDIT CARD/ELECTRONIC CHECK:**

Submit payment online at csusmchronicle.com/advertise. *Please note: there is a variable convenience fee for credit card payments. There is no additional fee for electronic checks.* 

#### ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

Email form and ad artwork to csusmchronicle.advertising@gmail.com.