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Award-winning storyteller and author based in central Florida.

I think we appreciate life the most when we stop to capture its happiest moments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

RELATIONSHIP AND CONTENT MANAGER (CONTRACT), THE FORWARD FOUNDATION

Contract position: Helped find worthy non-profits aimed at building a culture of positive growth in their communities. Facilitated grants and established relationships with non-profit founders, helping keep organization's missions funded. Wrote testimonials and edited video for the Foundation website.

AUGUST 2012 – OCTOBER 2021

FEATURE REPORTER, WTSP (CBS), TAMPA BAY, FL.

Six-time Emmy-winning reporter, hired to cover sports before transitioning to human interest stories. Shot, edited, and reported for daily 'On The Road' segment, highlighting outstanding people and uplifting news in the region on-air and online, with focus on social media. The Emmy-winning stories gave voices to the people who were doing their best to make their communities a better place.

JULY 2009 – AUGUST 2012

SPORTS REPORTER, KOTV (CBS), TULSA, OK.

Covered the Oklahoma City Thunder, OU Sooners, OSU Cowboys and traveled with the University of Tulsa men's basketball and football teams. Contributed to 30-minute weekly sports program as reporter and studio host. Anchored sports on weekends.

AUGUST 2008 – APRIL 2009

SPORTS REPORTER, KADN (FOX), LAFAYETTE, LA.

Covered University of Louisiana-Lafayette sports teams and hosted 30-minute coach's shows. In charge of shooting, producing, and hosting shows for football, baseball & basketball programs.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- EMMYS**

Nominated seven years in a row for Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards – 12 total nominations and six wins in that timeframe. Also honored with Associated Press' Sports Story of the Year award in back-to-back years (2013-2014)

- AUTHOR**

Authored *Finding Joy Beyond The Headlines* in 2018 and began public speaking in churches across the United States about finding God in the news

- HALL OF FAME**

Inducted to Clearwater High School (FL) basketball HOF in 2019

EDUCATION

SPRING 2008

BACHELOR'S DEGREE - COMMUNICATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Graduated with honors with a focus on telecommunications. Hosted weekly news segment, Florida Focus and wrote for university newspaper, The Oracle. Participated in on-campus church group, Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

SKILLS

- Strong writer and communicator capable of connecting with people from all walks of life
- “People person” who thrives on developing long-lasting relationships
- Video editor experienced with multiple systems including Avid, Final Cut Pro, and EDIUS
- Proficient and creative videographer with an eye for unconventional angles
- Emphasis on making connections through social media postings, not just generating clicks
- Can prioritize workloads well
- Knowledgeable in SEO
- Familiar with writing engaging web copy
- Dedicated to growing YouTube engagement

REFERENCES

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