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EDUCATION

University of Florida

College of Journalism and Communications, Bachelor of Science

Major: Journalism; GPA: 3.87

Certificate: Meteorology and Climatology

Honors: Excellence in Multimedia Meteorology Award; Honors Program; Tau Sigma National Honor Society; Governor R.H.

Gore, Sr. Memorial Scholarship [2x Recipient]

Gainesville, FL

Dec 2026

Santa Fe College

Associate of Arts

Journalism; GPA: 4.0

Honors: Graduation with Highest Honors; Honors Program; Dean's List [4x Honoree]

Gainesville, FL

May 2024

PRODUCING EXPERIENCE

TEGNA

Producing Intern, WXIA-TV 11Alive

Atlanta, GA

Jun 2026 – Present

- Produce vertical videos and digital articles generating 85,000+ views across 11Alive's website and TikTok, YouTube and Instagram platforms
- Support assignment desk operations by coordinating reporter assignments, monitoring scanners and traffic systems and submitting public records requests
- Build live weather graphics in WSI Max, create weather-focused digital content and edit broadcast news packages using editing software Edius

WUFT News

Co-Executive Producer, WUFT-TV First at Five

Gainesville, FL

Jan 2026 – Present

- Produce 30-minute live, hyperlocal newscasts every week by building rundowns and writing/formatting scripts in ENPS, coordinating live shots and managing execution in control room
- Collaborate with news managers and editors across platforms in morning editorial meetings to determine top local, regional and national stories

Executive Producer, WUFT-TV Midday Show

Aug 2025 – Dec 2025

- Produced all news elements in 20+ live, 30-minute newscasts, including rundowns, anchor scripts and segment structures, developing coordination with anchors and directors
- Communicated with anchors, directors and reporters to align editorial vision, streamline workflows and ensure collaboration between newscast contributors

Associate Producer/Weather Producer, WUFT Homecoming Parade Broadcast

Oct 2025

- Produced guest interview questions and coordinated delivery of live weather segment for University of Florida homecoming parade broadcast, reaching an audience of nearly 10,000 viewers across TV and YouTube live stream

Associate Producer, WUFT-TV First at Five

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- Produced and formatted 100+ news scripts in AP ENPS newsroom software, incorporating broadcast elements including lower thirds, graphics and commands while building rundowns with Executive Producer

NEWSROOM EXPERIENCE

News Anchor, WUFT-TV Midday/First at Five

Jan 2026 – Present

- Write scripts, produce news packages and same-day VOSOTs and anchor live noon/evening newscasts, handling breaking news coverage

Student Meteorologist, WUFT-TV/WRUF-TV

May 2025 – Present

- Spearhead department-wide addition of lightning strike counter graphic to Baron Lynx live radar slides, enhancing severe weather coverage by providing viewers with clearer indicators of storm intensity
- Present up to three live weather forecasts each week on PBS evening newscasts, delivering detailed current and forecast weather information to up to 5,000 live viewers

Multimedia Journalist, WUFT News

Apr 2025 – Present

- Research, pitch, plan, shoot, edit, produce, present up to three original news stories each week for TV, radio and digital platforms, leveraging multimedia journalism skills to create timely content

SKILLS

AP ENPS, Baron Lynx, WSI Max, Adobe Premiere Pro/Audition/InDesign, Edius, Microsoft Teams, Associated Press Writing Style, Broadcast Writing, Live Broadcast Production, Weather Forecasting, Weather Graphic Design, Videography, On-Air Talent