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Education

Bachelor of Journalism in Photojournalism
Minor in Information Technology
University of Missouri, May 2009

Experience

Genius, Apple Inc., Northbrook, IL

August 2009-Present

- Repaired mobile devices, taught personal training sessions, and completed data transfers for the first 1^{1/2} years. Promoted to the role of Genius in Feb. 2011; now I diagnose and repair all Apple computers.
- A Genius is the face of Apple when things go wrong. I also repaired many expectations and relationships.

Retoucher/Assistant, Nicole Thomas Photography, LTD., Glencoe, IL

July 2009-Present

- Performed basic to mid-level retouching on photos of families and children for photographer, set up lights and backgrounds, and helped with general maintenance and upkeep of the studio.

Staff Photographer, The Columbia Missourian, Columbia, MO

January 2008-May 2008

- Completed daily shooting assignments, worked on a semester-long photo/video multimedia story, and sought out single photos and multimedia stories to fill gaps in the paper.

Campus Representative, Apple Inc., MU

July 2006-November 2008

- Planned and executed large marketing events such as concerts, a flash mob, and freshman orientation.
- Coordinated annual student film festivals for three years with around 500 participants, an eight month production schedule that required weekly meetings, and acquired approximately \$5,000 of sponsored prizes.

Volunteer, College Photographer of the Year, MU

November 2006, 2007, & 2008

- Audio engineer on the soundboard during recording of the screencast, worked on web production and upload of the podcast of the competition, as well as general technical support.

Staff Photographer, The Lake County News-Sun, Waukegan, IL

May 2006-August 2006

- Interned for a local newspaper with 20,000 circulation daily.
- Completed 3-5 assignments daily and one photo story, covering a county with approx. population 700,000.

Skills

General Software Knowledge – Adept in Microsoft Windows (XP, Vista, 7) and Mac OS X environments, with skills in the Microsoft Office suite.

Photography/Video-related – Highly skilled in Adobe Photoshop, Bridge, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Sound-booth, Avid Media Composer and Final Cut Pro. Knowledgeable in Aperture, Logic Pro.

Miscellaneous – Experience setting up the Wordpress content management system, Google Apps, and HTML + CSS.

Technical Skills – Proficient in Nikon and Canon Digital SLR systems, strobes (both studio and portable), as well as the RAW conversion, toning and editing of a high volume of digital images on deadline. Well versed in retouching. Experience in HD video capture and editing, and field audio capture and editing. Skilled in creating motion graphics and digital video effects as well.

Training – 10.6 Apple Certified Mac Technician. Receiving 10.7 Server Certification by Feb. 2012. Certified to teach iLife and iWork, and troubleshoot/repair Apple mobile devices.

References available upon request