
Indianapolis Star Newspaper

While working at Indiana Daily Student Newspaper was always enjoyable, it was never quite as rewarding as when my work was noticed by the director of photography of the Indianapolis Star. After receiving his congratulations on a photo award I had received, I managed to network with him and his staff and gain an invitation to come visit their newsroom. Seizing the opportunity, I brought along my portfolio with the intention of asking for a professional critique of my work. By the end of the viewing, I was offered a stringer position with the paper where I could occasionally contribute my work.

This position entailed that I would be available to alleviate The Star's staff from having to travel to Bloomington to cover basic assignments. After proving my capabilities on two independent assignments, I was offered a contract to formally signify my position with the paper. This contract made me an official Star photographer covering assignments in the Bloomington regional area.

Since receiving the contract, I have accepted higher responsibility assignments, generating results worthy of publication in the primary newspaper for Indianapolis. Aside from providing local photography, I continue to be in constant communication with the director and his staff, which has developed a solid relationship between us. This connection allows the bidirectional flow of information regarding events around our respective regions, which results in better decision-making capabilities. In the end, we both help each other produce the highest quality publications possible. It is my goal to continue this relationship through the remainder of the school year until I leave Bloomington to begin my career.