

MEKENZIE BARTONE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Friendly News Anchor with five years of broadcasting experience. Well-versed in sports broadcasting and writing dynamic, hard-hitting scripts for unique reporting. Committed to accuracy and incorporating feedback from editors and fans to increase ratings.

WORK HISTORY

Student Reporter, 01/2024 - 04/2024

UCNN (University Of Cincinnati News Now), Cincinnati, OH

- Fact-checked breaking news headlines by performing background research.
- Supported community engagement initiatives by participating in volunteer opportunities alongside other students and staff members.
- Planned and conducted research and pitched long-form stories to promote investigative news topics.
- Utilized social media platforms to promote published articles and engage with readers for feedback.
- Met Tight Deadlines
- Acquired valuable knowledge about newsroom operations by shadowing reporters during field assignments.

Seacrest Studios Internship, 01/2023 - 12/2023

Ryan Seacrest Foundation, Cincinnati

- Hosted radio and television show on WKIDZ-33 weekly
- Edited and filmed promo content for the studio
- Actively participated in team meetings, offering insightful suggestions that led to innovative problem-solving strategies.
- Collaborated with senior management on new initiatives to build confidence.
- Explored new technologies and approaches to streamline processes.
- Gained hands-on experience in various software programs, increasing proficiency and expanding technical skill set.
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The News Record contributor, 09/2022 - 03/2023

University Of Cincinnati

- Contributed four stories to TheNewsRecord.com

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SKILLS

- Live shows
- Broadcast news
- Radio equipment
- DSLR photo and video equipment
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Rush
- CPR Certified
- Interviewing
- Video Editing
- Script Writing
- Filming
- Using public databases
- Statistical analysis for story investigations
- Sports Reporting
- AP Style
- News Reporting
- Social media proficiency

- Wrote on wide variety of topics with specialties in Sports.
- Conducted interviews with subject matter experts to generate topics.

Expo/Front-of-house, 12/2020 - 07/2022

Mission BBQ

- Served and plated food and worked the cash register
- Assisted servers with delivering food, filling beverages, and retrieving items for guests.
- Assisted customers with carry-out service.
- Answered telephone to make reservations and take orders.
- Maintained tidy and organized work area to preserve aesthetics and support cleanliness and quality standards.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Expected in 04/2025

The University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, Ohio

High School Diploma, 06/2022

Grassfield High School - Chesapeake, Virginia

- GPA: 3.29
- Extracurricular Activities: Field Hockey (4 years)
- Elected Captain of JV Field hockey
- Awarded 2022 Journalism Student of the Year
- PawPrint Yearbook Editor

HONORS AND AWARDS

Journalism Student of the Year, Grassfield High School (2022)

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

The News Record Contributor (2022 -2023), First year intern (2023), Interview with Olympic silver medalist Grant Holloway (2022), JV Field Hockey Captain (2018-2019), Pawprint Yearbook editor (2021-2022), G-News Lead sports anchor (2021-2022)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Sports media and production
- Broadcast news