

WALKER PAYNE

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SUMMARY

Independent filmmaker and recent college graduate seeking to expand upon his undergraduate studies at the University of Montevallo. Bringing dependability, strong communication and writing skills; seeking work experience and opportunities to advance as a creative.

EXPERIENCE

• January 2026 - April 2026

Director & Screenwriter - Phantom Pain

University of Montevallo

- Directed the final Digital Filmmaking Capstone film at the University of Montevallo.
- Worked closely with the executive producer to organize and prepare a premiere event.
- Managed a minimal budget and helped lead a cast & crew of 24 members.

• November 2025 - December 2025

Co-Writer & Producer - It Comes Knocking

University of Montevallo

- Collaborated with my co-writer to complete a script on a short timeline.
- Worked closely with the associate producer and assistant director to meet tight deadlines and fulfill all production needs over the course of three weeks.

• October 2025

Co-Writer & Assistant Director - Morbid Heat

University of Montevallo

- Collaborated with the University of Montevallo's BEA Club to carry out production on the 2025 48-hour competition film.
- Assisted the writing team in finalizing a script over the course of a single night.
- Served in the writing team, assistant directing, and as a primary actor in the film.

• August 2025 - May 2026

BEA Communications Director

University of Montevallo

- Worked alongside the Executive Cabinet to manage and fulfill the responsibilities of the club, through meetings, productions, and events.
- Facilitated information between other executive cabinet members and the greater BEA club.
- Managed the club's discord server, carrying out announcements and organizing information to assist in club management.

• January 2026 - May 2026

Digital Content Producer

University of Montevallo

- Served as one of the digital content producers for the Mass Communication program's student-produced newscast.
- Received weekly assignments and met tight deadlines for publication of digital articles on the program's website.

EDUCATION

B.S. in Mass Communication (Minor in Digital Filmmaking)

University of Montevallo | GPA : 3.963, *summa cum laude*

SKILLS

- Communication
 - Storytelling
 - Script Development
 - Interviewing
 - Organization
 - Casting & Talent Direction
 - Graphic Design
 - Editing
 - Social Media
 - Premiere Pro
 - Canva
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AWARDS

Best Script - It Comes Knocking,
Scene on the Bricks Festival - 2026

Procedure Perfectionist Award,
Mass Communication Department - 2026