

# Michal Szczepaniak

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### WBBM Newsradio, Chicago, IL — *Assistant Producer*

AUGUST 2024 - PRESENT

- Assisted desk editors by pulling and editing news feeds from various sources.
- Conducted phone interviews to confirm information and gather soundbites.
- Closely monitored local and national news outlets for breaking news.

### Broadway In Chicago, Chicago, IL — *Marketing/Press Assistant*

JUNE 2024 - PRESENT

- Oversaw the installation and rotation of promotional materials for upcoming productions across all Broadway In Chicago theater venues.
- Assisted the promotional team with compiling partner lists, assembling promotional collateral and producing weekly social media content.
- Accompanied Broadway In Chicago talent to television and radio appearances.
- Wrote and distributed press releases announcing the arrival of new productions.

### Big 10 Network, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Production Intern*

AUGUST 2023 - MAY 2024

- Worked with a team of reporters to produce a documentary celebrating the 100th anniversary of Memorial Stadium, under the leadership of Kaitlin Southworth.
- Operated cameras, monitored audio and managed lighting for source interviews.
- Shot B-Roll and conducted interviews for many projects under Big 10 Network.

### UI7 Live, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Anchor/Reporter*

AUGUST 2023 - MAY 2024

- Anchored a weekly news broadcast covering topics within the local community.
- Organized live on-air interviews with subject experts and community members.
- Created stories for video and web covering hard news within Champaign, IL.

### Good Morning Illini, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Anchor/Reporter*

AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2024

- Hosted a weekly live show sharing UIUC news segments aired to student body.
- Gathered and executed interviews on air with university students and faculty.
- Wrote and shot video stories covering entertainment news shown on air weekly.

### Richmond Studio, University of Illinois — *Control Room Operator and Floor Director*

AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2024

- Directed UI7 En Vivo, a Spanish-language broadcast, ensuring smooth operation.
- Operated cameras, controlled sound levels and ran teleprompters for Good Morning Illini, Illini Sports Night, and UI7 En Vivo multiple days per week.

### WCIA-3, Nexstar Media Group, Inc. — *News Intern*

JUNE 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2023

- Pitched stories from the community to news directors and reporters each week.
- Developed weekly video stories alongside reporters covering local topics for air.
- Shadowed employees from multiple departments within WCIA including but not limited to producers, reporters, anchors, web designers, and news directors.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Illini Student Musicals — *Community Outreach Coordinator & Cast Member*

AUGUST 2022 - MAY 2024

- Led team of 10 organization members and fellow students focused on the advancement of Illini Student Musicals community outreach and network.
- Organized collaborative events such as food drives, fundraisers, and performance opportunities for members of the community and other organizations each month.
- Oversaw an organization of over 60 members each semester by participating on the Board of Directors managing budgets of \$20,000+ through weekly meetings.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

AUGUST 2020 - MAY 2024

Bachelor of Science in  
Journalism, Minor in Theatre

GPA: 3.99

## SKILLS

Fluent in Polish  
Adobe Audition  
Adobe Premiere Pro  
Adobe Bridge  
Inception  
Microsoft Excel  
Microsoft Office  
Adobe Illustrator

## RELEVANT COURSES

Video Reporting and  
Storytelling  
News Editing  
Multimedia Reporting  
Investigative Journalism  
Digital Photography  
Content Producing for UI7  
Ethics and Diversity in  
Journalism

## EXTRACURRICULARS

Illini Student Musicals  
Polish Club Zagloba

## AWARDS

2024 Bronze Tablet Scholar  
Bill Geist Broadcast  
Journalism Award  
Anchor for Crystal Pillar  
Award-Winning Long Form  
Program - "Succeeding in a  
New World"  
Dean's List: Fall '20-Fall '23