

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