

## **MECHELL BURGETTE**

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### **Desire a Challenging Position as an Anchor/Reporter with a Mission to Perform Incisive and Accurate News Reporting and Delivery.**

A highly talented, motivated and professional Reporter/Anchor with enormous experience in reporting stories for newscasts, live and on tape; researching, developing, coordinating and writing news script; excellent ability at generating story and series ideas on a regular basis.

#### **Summary of Qualifications**

- Over 10 years of Solid Experience in the news media.
- Excellent news writing and editorial skills.
- Uncommon ability to analyze and interpret information.
- Excellent live reporting skills.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively on and off camera.
- Strong ideals of journalistic excellence.
- Ability to work under constant deadline pressure.
- Ability to interact, coordinate, and get along with co-workers and public contacts.
- Ability to maintain a composed, professional and well-groomed presence on and off camera.
- Profound ability to perform well in live on air reports.
- Uncommon ability to spot stories that have meaningful impact.
- Operation of board and production of shows.

#### **Professional Experience**

##### **Freelance Journalist, Austin, TX**

2010-Present

- Journalism for Television/Radio/Newspaper/Magazines/Online Publications
- Writing on preferential topics and issues
- Travel reviews
- Food reviews
- Investigative reporting and interviewing.
- Finding stories and exposing truths.

##### **BOWD program – MBE Writer/Program Coordinator**

2008-2010

##### **GFAN – Business Financial Reporter – PR Specialist**

2001-2008

##### **Local Edition, Dover, DE News Reporter**

2000-2005

- Conducted interviews.
- Developed solid news judgment.
- Prepared and performed stand-ups.
- Wrote compelling copy to B roll and sound bites.
- Narrated and "tracked" script.

- Produced a professional news package.
- Learned high journalistic standards and ethics.
- Worked with a videographer.

**Tri State Media, New Castle, DE**

1998-2000

**News Reporter**

- Delivered local news to an online audience
- Reported news in addition to creating online packages.
- Broke news and offered authoritative coverage of trends.

**First State News, New Castle, DE**

1995-1998

**News Correspondent**

- Anchor daily newscast.
- Maintain 24-hour availability for news coverage.
- Prepare, write and anchor daily headline briefs.
- Prepare and produce weekly news features; cover news events, including news conferences, board and organization meetings, sports and University programs and governmental agencies.
- Conduct in-depth live and prerecorded interviews, hosts special events, including election coverage and breaking news.
- Assign all part-time reporters with daily assignments.
- Host news/public affairs programs and act as a correspondent for FSN affiliate stations.
- Establish and maintain a professional relationship with public officials and business leaders.

**Channel 2, New Castle, DE**

1990-1995

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**Radio Experience**

- WGMD – Operations Director/News Anchor
- WNWR - On Air New Anchor/Show Host
- WNRK – On Air News Anchor

**Education**

**West Chester University, PA**  
Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications