

Alese Underwood

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Objective: To gain the position of an on-air television News Reporter in general assignments, investigative, political, international or court reporting field.

Education:

Chatham University Pittsburgh, PA.

8/2006 to 4/2010

Bachelor of Arts: Professional Communication

- **Double Concentration: Broadcasting and Public Relations.**
- **Double Minor: Arabic language/Middle Eastern Studies and Government**
- **Golden Z Honors Society**

Work/Internship Experience:

Nexstar Broadcasting Group Inc.

KTAL-TV NBC 6 (NBC Affiliate)

7/2012 to Present

Multimedia Journalist/On-Air Reporter/Anchor

- City of Shreveport Government (city council/mayor's office) and Caddo Parish reporter
- Coverage of Louisiana State Representatives
- Responsible for content gathering, shooting, editing, writing, reporting etc.
- Updating station's social media pages while out in the field.

WJET-TV (ABC Affiliate)/FOX 66 (FOX Affiliate)

6/2010 to 6/2012

On-Air Court and General Assignment Reporter

- Responsible for writing and reporting packages.
- Reporting in the Erie County and Federal Courthouses—All parts of trials, anything County related (County Executive, County Council Members, County Coroner)
- Reported from Shanksville PA for the 10th Anniversary of September 11th on Special Assignment.
- Updating station's Website, Facebook, and Twitter Accounts.
- Contributed several reports from Erie for KDKA News Radio 1020 in Pittsburgh.

WPXI TV (NBC Affiliate) Fall 2009

Investigative, Special Projects, and News Intern

- Worked closely with WPXI investigator Rick Earle.
- Conducted interviews for investigative specials

KDKA News Radio 1020 (CBS Radio Affiliate), Pittsburgh, PA Summer 2009

News and Programming Intern

- Wrote stories for on air reports and conducted interviews.

KDKA TV (CBS Affiliate), Pittsburgh, PA Spring 2009

News Intern

- Conducted interviews during breaking news for 4,5,and 6pm newscasts.
- Worked closely with KDKA investigator Marty Griffin

WTAE TV (ABC Affiliate), Pittsburgh, PA Fall 2008

News Intern

- Went with Andrew Stockey on Thursday nights for “Check it Out” pieces.
- Demo tape work

Women In Film and Media, Pittsburgh, PA Summer 2008

Public Relations Intern

- Helped plan and organize the annual Opal Awards
- Moderated and organized the Women of Television Panel Discussion

Chatham University, Professional Communications Department, Pittsburgh, PA 2008-2010

Tutor

Chatham University Communique Newspaper 2006-2010
Political Columnist, International Reports, and Sports Reporter

Chatham University Athletic and Fitness Center, Pittsburgh, PA 2006-2010

Front Desk Attendant

Activities/Awards:

Chatham University Volleyball 2006 to 2008

- Captain

Chatham University Water Polo 2008

Professional Highlights:

- Ability to shoot video and edit on Avid and Final Cut Pro.
- NBC 6 website reached highest views ever from one of my stories.
- While working at WJET-TV, wrote and reported over 4 Erie news stories on KDKA News Radio 1020 in Pittsburgh.
- Hosted the 4th Annual Opal Awards in Pittsburgh for Women in Film and Media.
- 3 years student and advisee of former CNN correspondent Dr. Lisa Rose Weaver.
- Interned during the National Coverage of the 2009 U.S. election, the Pittsburgh Police shooting, the L.A. Fitness shooting, and the Pittsburgh G20 Summit.

- Experienced in editing with Final Cut Pro.
- Invited to and attended the New York Times Young Journalist Conference
- Experience with the ENPS system for television
- Experience with the News Boss system for radio
- Experience with the INEWS and Avid systems.
- NATAS member