

# Chelsea Bailey Engle

## Kim Brattain Media, Executive Producer

**AGE:** 29

### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN?**

Charlotte, NC

### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?**

I'm a native! I've lived/worked in the Charlotte area on and off my entire life.

### **TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?**

I work in video production, working in multiple roles from editor, to writer, and director. I am currently an Executive Producer at Kim Brattain Media, managing projects from corporate branding films to documentary work.

The work I do is never in a vacuum, and I strive to make myself an understanding and impactful leader for any team. I find myself always learning, always finding better ways to complete tasks and lead.

Because of my line of work, I can never turn that "this angle would look great on camera" side of my brain off, and you will usually find me taking 100 photos of my dog or son.

On a personal note, I find any excuse I can to be outside, I love the mountains and beach equally, and I am an avid fiction reader as well.

### **DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?**

One of my favorite ways I've been able to give back to my community is actually by being a handler to my trained therapy dog, Sky. She is licensed by Therapy Dogs International. We went through a 1.5-year training process that now allows her to complete visits in assisted living facilities and other public places.

My most memorable moment was when we were doing a round at a physical rehab facility. We were visiting a young woman who had been in a wreck, and unfortunately was paralyzed and suffered brain damage. To the surprise of the staff, she reached over to Sky, and began petting her head. The woman had lost significant use of her fingers, but at that moment connected with Sky and began trying to use them again. I will never forget it, there wasn't a dry eye around.

### **IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.**

The nonprofit community in Charlotte is incredible, and through my work I've been able to walk beside many nonprofits to tell their stories. We work with nonprofits at a discounted rate, allowing them to move their mission forward with a high-quality video production. Our clients trust us with telling their story and giving voice to the voiceless, and I never take that opportunity lightly.

I also am very active in my church and enjoy working with my husband with our youth group.

### **PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

Recent accomplishments include winning a Silver Telly Award at the 2021 Telly Awards international competition for a film we produced for Gardner-Webb University. I worked as a producer, writer, and director for this project.

Our team also won 3 Silver Tellys in 2020, producing a social impact documentary along with Safe Alliance in Charlotte.

I wrote and co-produced my first documentary at 22 years old, which was commissioned by the university I attended and focused on having a complete documentary on the college's history. This premiered on local and national channels and encouraged me to continue pursuing my career.

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?**

My husband and I have kayaks and love getting out on the water any chance we get. We enjoy hiking and are now introducing our son to these activities as well. I can also crochet and sew.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?**

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? So if you cannot do such a small thing, why do you worry about the rest?” Luke 12:25-26

**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?**

I hope I never stop learning and continue to grow in skill in my craft. In 5, and even 10 years, I would like to be doing what I do now, creating films and telling stories. There are a few documentary ideas that are in the works I hope to have completed at that point.

**CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?**

I've never been to Europe and would love to travel there in the near future.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?**

Traveled to the Bahamas in 2017 but would love to fulfill that bucket list trip to Europe soon (post pandemic!)

**WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?**

I love playing cornhole and once won a tournament with my husband (then boyfriend) in college.

**WHO IS YOUR HERO?**

I would definitely say my parents. They have been a constant support and source of encouragement. They have both overcome their own obstacles in their lives, and in turn became strong, unwavering people. They instilled in me to “follow your dreams but have a plan.” I feel like that has without a doubt made me into the person I am today.

**WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**

*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

**WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?**

Black Widow (I am a huge Marvel fan!)

**WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?**

Ben Rector

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