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WCCB Charlotte, TV News Reporter and Fill-In Anchor

Age: 27

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Wheaton, Illinois

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?

2 1/2 years

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?

I am a passionate reporter; empathetic person and I don't take myself too seriously. I am very goofy and outgoing. I moved to Charlotte not knowing a soul, and today it feels like home. I love to read, and I stay active by supporting locally owned gyms. I also love traveling to the mountains in Asheville and the beach.

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

I taught classes for a group of women at a women's shelter called "Steps to Success". I taught these women how to construct their resumes, interviewing/work etiquette, interview preparedness and networking. The goal of this was to give these women the skills to be independent. Many of them came out of abusive relationships, and always relied on someone else financially. I will never forget a woman who took my class gave me a hug after and with tears in her eyes, said she was so excited to have the ability to take care of herself.

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

I chose my career in journalism for the purpose of public service. I believe a well-informed electorate is the key to democracy. Therefore, I take informing the public extremely seriously. I am out in the streets covering severe weather, protests, elections, municipal government, and the violence in our city. This is not a job you do for the money; you do it to help people. Every person has a story, and it is my duty to tell theirs. Through my stories, I have helped reunite a family separated for 40 years, helped raise money for a cancer-stricken woman who could not afford the prosthetic leg she desperately needed. I have held our city leaders accountable for the mishandling of a deadly officer-involved shooting and called them out when there is lack of transparency.

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

Silver Circle Midwestern Student Emmy Award.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

I love playing tennis, going on runs and reading. I also like trying new places in Charlotte. I have absolutely fallen in love with this city. I love exploring every nook and cranny. I love trying craft beer around our city. I run a social media account rating Charlotte Craft Beer.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?

Happiness is a choice.

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

I see myself starting a non-profit to aid women in shelters in finding employment. Advocating for women who have had abuse of any kind. Providing them with appropriate workforce clothing etc. I plan on being a leader in the community. I wanted to be a trusted and respected member of this community who is known for giving back and supporting local businesses.

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

I would love to write a book.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?

Two years ago, I traveled to Zurich, Switzerland and all over Germany.

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

I am related to Alexander the Great. My father was born in Macedonia and came to American at a young age. I speak a little Macedonian.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

It is cliché, but my mother. She was a single mother who was left with nothing. She fought for me every day and worked to build a life for the both of us.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

A week ago, I finished "Wine Folly: Essential Guide to Wine". I wanted to educate myself on wine and its history.

WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?

The Staircase

WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?

January 2020, I saw Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden in New York. It was awesome.

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