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**EDUCATION**

**BA Mass Communications Anticipated: Dec 2026**

**Missouri Southern State University | 3950 Newman Rd, Joplin, MO 64801**

**EXPERIENCE**

**KSN 16 Production Assistant Sep 2022 - Present**

**Nexstar Media Group Inc | Irving, TX 75062**

* Moved, put in specific places, and focused the camera in a short amount of time.
* Created graphics that appeased the eye of the viewer and made them interested in the story the graphic was for.
* Controlled the prompter wheel, adjusting the speed of the words on the prompter so the anchor could read the words at their pace.
* Adjusted audio levels for music, sound effects, and the anchor's/host's mic for viewers to hear and grab their attention to the show or newscast.
* Edited videos or placed news packages into ENPS with Adobe Premiere Pro.
* Communicated with the Director or other team members if there was a problem with the show.
* Helped guests with directions and positions.

**Production Assistant/Volunteer Fall 2022 - Spring 2024**

**KGCS 21 | 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO**

* Worked cameras for Newsmakers show, MSSU Football & Basketball online streams.
* Directed segments for Newsmakers, MSSU Football & Basketball online streams.

**Team Member Feb 2021 - Sep 2022**

**TacoBell | Joplin, MO**

* Trained new employees by demonstrating tasks and coaching during daily activities.
* Provided excellent customer service by greeting customers and meeting quality expectations.
* Collaborated with team members to complete orders.

**HONORS & AWARDS**

**MBEA Second Place for Video- Multicamera Live Sports Event 2023**

**Missouri Broadcast Educators Association (MBEA)**

**Franklin Technology Center Certificate of Completion of TV/Audio Productions 2022**

**Franklin Technology Center (FTC)**

**ACT Work Keys NCRC Silver 2022**

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