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## Experience

### University of Tennessee at Martin

WUTM FM-90.3 "The Hawk", Sports Director

January 2017 - Current

- Co-Host and Producer of "The Bench" a weekly radio sports talk show
- Host of "One-on- One" weekly sports interview show with UT Martin coaches and athletes
- Scheduling for WUTM on-air talent coverage for UT Martin Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball games and Rodeo, including on and some off-campus contests
- On Air Personality providing play-by-play or color analysis for UT Martin Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball games, and Rodeo
- On Air Personality providing play-by-play or color analysis for both Westview High School Football and Basketball games

### Comfort Components

May 2017-August 2017

- Assembly line worker, fabricating plastic parts for the manufacture of HVAC components

### Yogurt Isle

January 2016-August 2016

- Cashier and general restaurant worker for the yogurt shop

## Education

### University of Tennessee, Bachelor of Arts, Communications (2020) GPA: 3.6

2019-20 (Senior Year)

- Internship at WGFX-FM 104.5 "The Zone" in Nashville, TN (Summer 2019)
- Chancellor's Honor Roll (Highest Honors)
- Radio and Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), President
- UT Martin Undergraduate Alumni Council Member (2017-Present)
- UTM Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) (2016-Present)
- UTM Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), Leadership Team (Communications)
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Sports Director
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Women's Basketball Play-by-Play for UT Martin vs. SIUE
- Collegiate Broadcasters Incorporated 2nd Place Best Sports Play-by-Play for UT Martin vs. MTSU
- Collegiate Broadcasters Incorporated 3rd Place Best Sportscast for The Bench sports talk show

2018-19 (Junior Year)

- Chancellor's Honor Roll (Highest Honors)
- 2019 Dr. Gary L. Steinke WUTM Broadcasting Excellence Award

- Senior Scholarship for Outstanding Rising Senior Communications Major
- Collegiate Broadcasters Incorporated 1st Place Best Sportscast Audio for The Bench
- Collegiate Broadcasters Incorporated 3rd Place Best Sports Play-by-Play for UT Martin vs. Ole Miss
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Overall Sports Coverage
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Sports Update
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Sports Pregame/Postgame Show vs. Belmont Women's Basketball
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Sports Play-by-Play Baseball/Softball vs. SIUE
- TN AP Broadcast and Media Editors: First Place Sports Coverage/Program 2019
- TN AP Broadcast and Media Editors: Second Place Sports Radio Reporter

#### 2017-2018 (Sophomore Year)

- Chancellor's Honor Roll (High Honors)
- The National Society of Leadership and Success
- TN AP Broadcast and Media Editors: First Place Sports Coverage/Program 2018
- Second Place Southeastern Journalism Conference (SEJC) Best Radio Journalist
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Sports Interview
- Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Finalist for Best Overall Sports Coverage
- 2018 Tennessee Association of Broadcasters Award
- 2018 Dr. Gary L. Steinke WUTM Broadcasting Excellence Award
- 2018 Student Showcase Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Broadcasting
- Radio and Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), Vice-President
- Tennessee Association of Broadcasters (TAB) Radio Talent Institute (Summer, 2018)
- Southeast Journalism Conference: Best in South

#### 2016-2017 (Freshman Year)

- Chancellor's Honor Roll (Highest Honors)
- 2017 Stewart Byars Award for Excellence in Radio and Audio Production
- 2017 Duke Drumm/WCMT Radio Broadcast Scholarship
- TN AP Broadcast and Media Editors: First Place Sports Coverage/Program 2017
- TN AP Broadcast and Media Editors: Second Place Sports Radio Reporter
- Southeast Journalism Conference: Best in South

## References

[Dr. Richard Robinson Professor, WUTM Advisor](#)

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