

James Benedict

Graphic Journalist
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Employment

Indiana Daily Student

Digital Director August 2015 - Present
Supervised the newly expanded digital desk. Designed graphics and article templates for online features. Tracked google and social media analytics. Researched databases for the newsroom.

Digital Editor January - May 2015

Produced digital content like interactive graphics and multimedia. Created social media targeted content to promote stories. Developed an responsive long form article design. Trained staff on SEO.

Photographer January 2014 - Present

Made photo illustrations and news photos. Men's basketball beat photographer in 2015.

Society for News Design

Page Layout Designer June 2015

Laid out the features section for the 36th Annual Best of News Design book.

High School Journalism Institute

Counselor and guest instructor July 2015

Worked as a floor counselor for a two week IU journalism camp and gave a guest lecture on photoshop and illustrator.

Indiana University Student Television

Front end developer September - December 2014

Setup a new domain, installed wordpress and migrated content from the previous site. Trained the staff on wordpress basics.

References

Ron Johnson Director of Student Media
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Steve Layton Head of IU's chapter of SND
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Bonnie Layton IU Media School Lecturer
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Education

Indiana University, Bloomington

Expected graduation in May 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with specializations in graphic design and photojournalism.
Concentration in Informatics
GPA: 3.722

Organizations

Society for News Design

Attended SND DC conference
Designer for SND35 and SND36 edition

Online News Association

Attended ONA 2014 conference

Investigative Reporters and Editors

Attended IRE watchdog workshop

Honor and Awards

Columbia Scholastic Press Association

Gold Crown 1st place photo illustration
College Hybrid Publication Gold Crown

Indiana Collegiate Press Association

2nd place photo essay 2015
Best overall website 2015

Skills

Adobe Creative Suite

Proficient in Illustrator, Photoshop and Indesign.
Familiar with lightroom, after effects and audition.

Web Development

Proficient in HTML, CSS, javascript/jquery, excel, highcharts.js, leaflet.js, fusion tables and wordpress.
Familiar with d3.js, python, QGIS and SQL.

Multimedia

Proficient in DSLR photography and videography, final cut pro, and file optimization.
Familiar with studio and field audio recording.