The Tampa Bay Times

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Dear Roy,

Going to IU, if there’s one thing I’ve learned it’s this: the Tampa Bay Times respects narrative journalism. I may be a page designer, but I’ve relished every opportunity I’ve had to work with narrative journalism while at IU and I think that my skillset in sensitive and composed features and news design could be an asset to your team.

I’ve had a full-time internship every summer of my college career. Twice I worked at my hometown paper, the Buffalo News. During my first summer in Buffalo, I focused on production and designed mostly for business and news sections of the paper. In my second summer, I moved to more features design, working primarily on the paper’s Viewpoints section, a weekly opinion feature section published on Sundays.

After my junior year at Indiana, I packed up and moved to Minneapolis for the summer to work at the Star Tribune. At the Star Tribune, I worked in the features department four out of five days a week designing covers and inside sections and frequently working on illustrations or conceptual art.

When I graduate in May, I hope to enter an environment where I’m valued and challenged daily and where I feel the readers are the priority. I’m a big believer in journalism as a form of public service and the commitment of papers like the Tampa Bay Times to serving their readership is what all journalists should strive for.

I think as the way we consume news changes, visual journalists are more important than ever and I want to work in a newsroom that understands this as yours clearly does. I’m passionate about news, about design and about telling good stories. It would be an honor to tell them with you.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this internship and for considering my application.

All the best,

Anna Hyzy