# DAKOTA CRAWFORD

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# EXPERIENCE

#### THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

A leading Gannett newspaper

### Digital sports producer | May 2017 - present

- Help create and guide sports section's social strategy
- Improve headlines, craft SEO keywords to boost search traffic
- Produce 10-plus pieces of quick-hitting digital content per week
- Assist in covering Colts, Pacers, Fever, IndyCar, Notre Dame as needed
- Create video, galleries, blogs, quick illustrations to complement stories Also worked as a digital Pulliam Fellow in 2015

#### THE MUNCIE STAR PRESS

A Gannett newspaper in Muncie, Ind.

#### Ball State sports reporter | Oct. 2015 - May 2017

- Covered Ball State football and men's basketball while chipping in occasional prep coverage
- Posted sports section's content to Facebook and Twitter, daily
- Responsible for writing headlines, planning print product and managing section, which had no editor
- Obsessed over analytics to learn what readers want
- Published 6-8 pieces of content per week including gamers, profiles, enterprise, analysis and social aggregation pieces

#### THE FORT WAYNE NEWS-SENTINEL

Pulitzer Prize-winning daily newspaper in Fort Wayne, Ind.

## Sports intern | May 2014 - July 2014

- Produced 25 articles, 20 photos and six videos
- Helped refine sports section's social strategy
- Designed five web pieces, including template for News-Sentinel web series on high school basketball recruiting
- Contributed multimedia: Two podcasts, two graphics, two Google Maps and one Storify



- Six weeks as editor-in-chief of my student paper
- Working in Sochi for the 2014 Winter Olympics
- My undying love for the mid-range jumper
- Craft beer and Halo Top

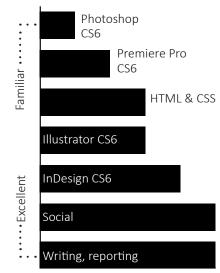
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## **Ball State University**

Bachelor of Arts
Dual major: Telecommunications
and journalism