**Terry Benjamin II**

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**EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC Graduated: May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications (minor in psychology)

G.P.A.: 3.5 | 4.0

**SKILLS:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Knowledge of law and the court system.
* More than a decade of experience in Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher, SharePoint, Office 365, and Access
* Communication and networking with potential partners.
* The ability to meet deadlines, retain, and quickly disperse information.
* Intermediate in Adobe Creative Cloud, Premiere Pro
* Researching information and retaining new information daily
* Quick and effective writing that will market a company’s mission and information
* Ability to reach news outlets and agencies for media coverage.
* Ability to reach news outlets when in need and produce press releases effectively.

**EXPERIENCE:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Public Safety/Breaking News Reporter:** Greenville News**,** *Greenville****,*** *SC***December 2023 - Now**

* Covered public Safety topics in Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson County.
* Gained statewide legal, police, fire, traffic, and local community sources in the Upstate.
* Covered pressing community safety topics that challenge Upstate officials.
* Watched over local law enforcement and reported on how they policed communities.
* Wrote investigated stories that questioned holes within South Carolina state law.
* Created a personalized and specific public safety beat within the Upstate.
* Provided readers with accurate and reliable breaking news on shootings, deaths, arrests, and events in the Upstate.
* Went to scenes of crimes to provide readers with quick breaking news with color and context.

**News reporter:** GoLaurens, *Laurens, SC* **August 2023-December 2023**

* Covered local news with feature stories.
* Covered city hall and board meetings.
* Written game coverage stories as well as sports features.
* Create sources within Laurens County.

**Intern News Reporter:** The Charlotte Observer, *Charlotte, NC* **June 2023-August 2023**

* Covered local politics and metro within the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
* Wrote stories on city hall, school board meetings, enterprise and topics surrounding local government.
* Written feature articles on local issues and topics in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.
* Reported on government programs and decisions.
* Attended and covered city and schoolboard press conferences
* Create sources within Mecklenburg County and surrounding areas.

**Freelance reporter:** Post and Courier, *Rock Hill, SC* **May 2023-June 2023**

* Written an article for the York County bureau of The Post and Courier.

**Freelance reporter:** The State Newspaper, *Columbia, SC* **August 2022-April 2023**

* Created feature stories about happenings in the midlands.

**Intern News Reporter:** The Times and Democrat, *Orangeburg, SC* **August 2022-April 2023**

* Covered local news for Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun County.
* I wrote community features, enterprise, profiles, and local politics
* I wrote and created game, feature, and preview stories on all sports in the area.
* Covered events in the area from the local festivals to the vice president and lieutenant governor visiting Orangeburg.
* Created sources within Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg counties.
* Covered gubernatorial election events and mid-term election night

**Intern News Reporter:** The State Newspaper, *Columbia, SC* **May 2022-August 2022**

* I wrote and created stories about the midlands and their surrounding areas.
* Covered standard news, local politics, features and profile stories.
* I wrote on statewide issues through feature stories as well.
* Created sources in Richland, Lexington and Sumter counties.
* Cover democratic gubernatorial race and election events.

**Freelance reporter** | The Times and Democrat, *Orangeburg, SC*  **2020-2022**

* Started my career in news reporting by covering local festivals and events in Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg County.

**Store Assistant** | Family Dollar*, Orangeburg, SC* **2020**

* Issue receipts, refunds, credits, or change due to customers
* Assist customers by providing information and resolving their complaints
* Maintain clean and orderly checkout areas and complete other general cleaning duties, such as making sure the store is always kept clean.
* Stock shelves, and mark prices on shelves and items

**Student Worker** | Bethune Bowman*, Orangeburg, SC* **2019**

* Assisted classroom teacher in supervising students
* Participated in instructing students with the assistance of the teacher.
* Kept detailed reports of student progress, behavior, and skills
* Prepared instruction materials, including making copies, constructing bulletin boards, and setting up work areas.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Town litter pick-up, *Orangeburg, SC* 7 hours
* Elementary School Volunteer, *Orangeburg, SC* January 2019-July 2019
* Cornerstone Church Volunteer, *Orangeburg, SC* February 2021-now