

Samuel Thomas

Photojournalist

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Education

University of Florida
Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Awards

Three-time winner and two-time finalist in the Florida Association of Broadcast Journalists awards

2021 RTDNA National Murrow Award in Digital Media

1st Place, Student Division Multimedia, 2020 Florida Society of News Editors Journalism Contest

Three-time Hearst Competition UF nominee

Skills

Videography + lighting
FAA 107 drone certified
Proficient in Edius, Premiere, Photoshop and Lightroom

Experience

WCTV

Photojournalist, Tallahassee, Florida, October 2022 – Present

- Capture video and conduct interviews for local and regional stories
- Man active and compelling live shots for daily broadcast and special coverage days
- Train incoming employees on camera operation and host workshops on videography basics for the newsroom

First Coast News

Photojournalist, Jacksonville, Florida, Feb. 2022 – present

- Captured video of local interest stories and spot news
- Edited VOSOT and packages for airtime
- Conducted interviews with subjects using audio and video equipment

The Peoria Journal Star

Photo intern, Peoria, Illinois, Oct. 2021 – Jan. 2022

- Pitched and crafted visual stories for a digital first Gannett newsroom
- Covered high school and college sports for large photo galleries
- Took portraits of local business owners and athletes for stories

The Orlando Sentinel

Photo intern, Orlando, Florida, Jan. 2021 – March 2021

- Photographed CPAC 2021, the Daytona 500 and the US Women's National Soccer Team in the SheBelieves Cup
- Captioned and filed images under tight deadlines
- Shared images on the AP wire where they were used by national outlets like The Washington Post

The Gainesville Sun

Photo intern/Freelancer Gainesville, Florida, Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2021

- Captured photos of Donald Trump rallies, Black Lives Matter protests and religious services across the region
- Edited and captioned photos under deadline for daily publication
- Drove across Central Florida to cover rural community events