

# Dan Zar

TV News Writer & Producer

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## EXPERIENCE

**FOX 17 News, Grand Rapids, Mich. — Weekend Morning Show Producer**  
JULY 2016- PRESENT

Write and produce a four hour morning show, update web with new content each hour, listen to police scanners and follow breaking news, assign photographers and editors to stories.

**WGN News, Chicago, Ill. — News Writing and Video Editing Intern**  
NOVEMBER 2015- MAY 2016

Writing and editing video for stories to be broadcast in each hour for our six hour newscast working closely with the producers. Covered stocks, trending online stories, entertainment and sometimes breaking news. Have experience with newsroom programs like OPUS and TONS and CNN Newsource.

**Post-Tribune Newspaper, Ind. — Freelance Writer**  
AUGUST 2015- NOVEMBER 2015

Cover municipal meetings and breaking news throughout Northwest Indiana. Provided photo for articles. The Post-Tribune is a daily newspaper and an affiliate of the Chicago Tribune Media Group.

**Blue Island TV, Blue Island, Ill. — TV News Writer and Producer**  
DECEMBER 2014 - AUGUST 2015

Worked as a multimedia reporter and producer covering community events as either a one man band or with a videographer. Responsible for writing the story, filming the interviews and B-Roll, and then editing the package to air. BITV is a local access station funded by the City of Blue Island.

**Bath and Body Works, Chicago, Ill. — Part-time sales lead and manager**  
SEPTEMBER 2013 - MAY 2015

Worked to coach associates on how to meet high volume sales quotas while delivering legendary customer service. Developed key skills in selling a brand, product, mission, or idea, micro-management of store operations, customer service skills.

## EDUCATION

**Columbia College Chicago Chicago, Ill. — Bachelor's degree**  
AUGUST 2012- DECEMBER 2015

Concentration in Multimedia News Reporting & Writing. Studied Broadcast Journalism, communications, public relations, social media marketing, advertising.

**Multimedia Broadcast Academy Hammond, Ind. — Technical certificate**  
AUGUST 2010- JULY 2012

Experience with studio operations and TV news production. Learned to shoot and edit video, write scripts, edit and record voice overs in addition to some radio experience.

**Highland High School, Highland, Ind. — Core 40 Diploma**  
AUGUST 2008 -JUNE 2012

Took several writing intensive courses and public speaking classes, received an Indiana Core 40 diploma, and completed 2 years of TV and News Production, Directing, Producing, Editing, Managing.

## SKILLS

-Storytelling fanatic with a passion for producing broadcast news, shooting and editing video, and writing for print and web.

-Stacking shows and writing teasers that make the viewer not want to change the channel.

- Experience with social media marketing and advertising in addition to creative content producing.

- Knows both Mac and PC operating systems and various programs like HootSuite, Adobe Premiere Pro, or OPUS for news.

-Motivated team player who works to meet company expectations and deadlines while delivering quality work.

-Experience editing Adobe Premiere Pro and Final Cut.

-Able to think quick and respond accordingly.

## AWARDS

John Fischetti Scholarship 2014 & 2015

Irv Kupcinet Media Arts Scholarship 2015

Broadcast Academy Student of the Year 2012

## REFERENCES

Joe Puchek, Editor of the Post-Tribune (312) 478- 1724

Anne Marie Saviano, WGN Producer (708) 359-4359

Robert Love, KMOV St. Louis Videographer (314) 265-8545

Curtis Lawrence, Journalism Mentor (312) 369-8905