**T A R A T H O M A S**

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**SKILLS**

Newswriting for Print, TV Broadcast, Social Media / Digital Content Production / Live Shots / Breaking News / Excellent Oral & Written Communication / Video Editing / Camera Operation / Proven ability to establish rapport and lasting relationships / Multitasking under pressure and deadlines / Research / FOIA / Investigative Journalism / Knowledge of Media Law & Ethics / Politically Savvy / AP-Style writing / Software and platforms: Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Edius, iMovie, Stratus, Word Press, Lakana, Anvato, Social News Desk, News Cycle, Newspath, Work Day, News Edit, Microsoft and Mac systems

**EXPERIENCE**

TV REPORTER / MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST

Nexstar Media Group: WJTV 12 in Jackson, Miss. and KARK 4/ FOX 16 in Little Rock, Ark. Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2019

REPORTER & DIGITAL CONTENT MANAGER

The Daily Citizen Newspaper, Searcy, Ark. Aug. 2017 – Sept. 2018 (and have continued to serve as a contributing writer, through the present)

FEATURE WRITER

Balance Magazine, Searcy, Ark., Dec. 2017 – Sept. 2018

SPA COORDINATOR

La Vida Medical Spa, Fayetteville, Ark. 2016 - 2017

TV NEWS PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

KHOG TV 40/29 News, Rogers, Ark., Jan. – Aug. 2016

DIGITAL SALES & MARKETING

Self-employed, San Diego, Calif., 2013 - 2015

REPORTER / ANCHOR

Fresno State Focus University TV News, Fresno, Calif., 2011 - 2012

TV NEWS INTERN

KSEE 24 TV News, Fresno, Calif., 2012

STAFF WRITER

The Collegian Newspaper, Fresno, Calif., 2011

TV NEWS INTERN

ABC 30 Action News, Fresno, Calif., 2008

**EDUCATION**

 Bachelor of Arts

 Mass Communication and Broadcast Journalism

 California State University, Fresno, Calif., 2009 -2012

 Abroad Study-

 Journalism and Newswriting

 London School of Journalism, London, England, 2009

 Associate in Arts

 Speech Communication; Interpersonal, Group and Public Speaking

 Fresno City College, Fresno, Calif., 2008

**AWARDS**

* Arkansas Press Association- Best News Story
* Arkansas Press Association- Best Coverage of Education
* College Debate Team Champion

**VOLUNTEERISM**

- Child Mentor at Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

- Outreach Assistant at Harvest Time Ministries