

CODY SIGEL COMBS

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Accomplished and motivated individual with well-rounded television production and journalism experience. Worked in both public service and journalism fields in multiple capacities. Consummate team player with proven leadership, project management and communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CNN, Reliable Sources with Howard Kurtz

August, 2010 - June, 2011

Production Assistant, Guest Booker

- Contacted and booked guests ranging from Rachel Sklar to Dick Cavett for various topical media issues.
- Wrote articles based on guest segments during the show for CNN.com.
- Pitched ideas and gathered elements for Media Monitor segment, looking at media hits and misses of the week.
- Assembled and organized show rundown by making sure elements were in correct order and show is timed out.
- Located, edited and coded soundbites into show rundown for guest segments and show open.
- Cut and posted videos to CNN.com to promote the show before and after it aired in a timely manner.
- Oversaw show internship program by picking and utilizing interns from all over the country.

CNN, State of the Union with Candy Crowley

2010 - August, 2010

Production Assistant

- Pitched, wrote and cut packages for anchor using Final Cut Pro skills.
- Located, cut and organized soundbites into show rundown for guest segments and show open.
- Managed show's social media presence on Twitter and Facebook with prolific pictures, video and show updates.
- Maintained show website with highlights from previous shows while teasing future guests.
- Produced and coordinated graphics for show when needed in that capacity.
- Wrote articles for CNN.com on demonstrations, congressional votes, and elections

CNN, Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer

2008-2010

Production Assistant

- Produced graphics for three hours of live news programming, five days a week.
- Coordinated and articulated graphic orders with artists from Washington D.C., New York and Atlanta bureaus.
- Worked with reporters and producers to create and execute fullscreen quotes, charts and pictures corresponding with appropriate news stories.
- Sorted through and chose from hundreds of pictures for daily "hot shot" segment.
- Gathered graphic elements at quick pace during breaking news situations while ensuring accuracy.
- Worked with legal/standards and practices division to cover bases on photo use permission.
- Produced, researched, and wrote "smart tag" pieces to news stories.
 - Wrote smart "tosses and tags" to be read by anchor or reporter.
 - Researched and pitched other angles to stories being covered.
 - Created and gathered elements to go in sync with copy.

City Council, Alliance, Ohio

2003-2005

Councilman-at-Large

- Ran for and was elected to city council in home-city of Alliance, Ohio.
- Proposed and passed legislation dealing with noise pollution.
- Ushered through legislation creating more park and green space zoning within city limits.
- Chaired Properties & Lands committee while also serving on Streets and Alleys committee.

EDUCATION

Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio

- Editor-in-Chief, Walsh University Student Newspaper, The Spectator (2005-2007).
- Bachelor of Science in Government and Foreign Affairs (April 2007).
- Student of the Year in the division of Government and Foreign Affairs (2007).
- Inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society (2005).

COMMUNITY / PERSONAL

- Created and currently running blog covering the NY-25 congressional race, www.BambooOrange.com
- Ran cross country and wrestled from middle school through high school.
- Taught English in Vietnam through the Global Volunteer Network.