# **NICHOLAS THOMPSON**

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionate political reporter with six years of experience covering local, state and federal civic issues and elections in Missouri. Creative, self-starter always looking for ways to advance storytelling regardless of medium.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# **Customer Care Agent**

SelectQuote Insurance Services - Overland Park, KS

08/2018 - Current

- Identified opportunities to sell SelectQuote Senior clients on other company products/platforms.
- Evaluated customer satisfaction with Medicare policies.

### Reporter/Producer

KTVI-TV (FOX), KPLR-TV (CW) - St. Louis, MO

01/2017 - 06/2018

- Served as the station's primary political reporter in coverage of Missouri and Illinois legislative issues.
- Reported from field as station's only "one-man-band."
- Produced daily newscasts for both KTVI and KPLR.

#### Reporter

KOLR-TV (CBS) - Springfield, MO

08/2014 - 01/2017

- Shot, wrote and edited day-turn packages as a "one-man band."
- Maintained a library of statehouse contacts and lead station coverage of government and politics.
- Used AP style to write web copy that rivals print in quality.

### Reporter/MMJ, Web Producer, Producer

KOMU-TV (NBC) - Columbia, MO

08/2012 - 07/2014

- Shot, wrote and edited day-turn and long-form news and sports stories as a backpack journalist.
- Delivered news content to viewers on KOMU.com and on multiple social platforms.
- Produced morning and evening newscasts.

### **Statehouse Reporter**

Missouri Digital News - Jefferson City, MO

08/2012 - 05/2013

• Researched and wrote public affairs stories for Missouri Press Association newspapers, Missouri NPR stations and KMOX.com (CBS radio station).

# **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- Earned 2015 Mid-America Emmy for team coverage for role in reporting part of "Courageous Conversations," a series on race relations in the U.S. post-Ferguson.
- Nominated in 2016 for Missouri Broadcasters Association investigative reporting award.

#### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Journalism, Minor in Political Science**: Emphasis: Radio/TV Reporting and Anchoring **University of Missouri School of Journalism** - Columbia, MO

May 2014

- Member of Theta Chi Fraternity, chaired philanthropy event that raised \$3,000 for breast cancer research.
- Selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants to serve as a Summer Welcome orientation leader.
- Finished in top 15 in 2013 Homecoming King race.

#### SIDE HUSTLES

- **Uber Driver**, January 2018-Current
- Wedding DJ At Levity Events, March 2019-Current

#### **SKILLS**

- "One-Man Band" video journalist workflow
- Newscast producing

- Web Producing And social media content creation
- Enterprise reporting and public document research