

# 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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