SCOTT REISTER * KCCI * FORTY UNDER 40

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To Whom It May Concern:

Whether through my platform at KCCI, or through my numerous charitable activities, I strive to make my community a better place for all to live.

This past year I was promoted to Sports Director at KCCI, one of the top-rated stations in the nation. I love producing sports stories that will touch people's hearts. These types of videos not only have helped me pass 12,000 followers on social media, but have made great a personal impact on many: https://bit.lv/2Ft9Ve1

In my nine-plus years at KCCI, I have won ten local or regional awards for my sports reports, which have also aired nationally on various CBS platforms. I receive affirming letters from viewers, as well, which is, indeed, the greatest reward of all. One such letter can be seen here, and my body of work can be found at http://sreister.wix.com/scottreistersports.

The achievements I am most proud of, however, are out in the community. I am an enthusiastic supporter and board member of Prevent Blindness Iowa, which provides crucial vision screenings and glasses for kids across the state. Last year, their annual budget was cut. I aided the organization in garnering media attention and helped them successfully restore funding, which directly impacted countless lives. I have served as emcee for Prevent Blindness Iowa, March of Dimes, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and DMACC Athletics. I am honored to use my platform and my airtime to help worthy causes. I also take great pride in helping aspiring broadcasters. Last year, my former intern, Billy Storm, landed his dream job as a sports photographer in Minneapolis. It is a blast getting updates from him.

Thank you for your time and your consideration for such a worthy honor.

Sincerely,

Scott Reister KCCI Sports 515-661-1979

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Experience

Sports Director KCCI - Des Moines, Iowa

2009-present

- Anchor, live report, shoot sports for market's top-rated station
- Promoted to Sports Director in Summer 2018
- Travel around the nation covering college and pro sports
- Manage staff to maximize extensive local coverage
- Develop, shoot, write award-winning stories which have been aired nationally on CBS News.
- Update station website and maintain strong social media presence

Sports Director, KNDU-TV - Kennewick, WA

2006-2009

- Produce/anchor/report daily sportscasts for market's top-rated station
- Shoot/edit/write award-winning features
- Host/Reporter for live sporting events on Spokane Sports Television

Sports Anchor/Reporter KXXV-TV - Waco, TX

2002-2006

- Helped increase ratings to second-highest in market
- Host/produce 30-minute weekly high school specials
- Spent 2002 leading one-man satellite office in College Station, TX

Education

University of Texas at Austin

1998-2002

- Bachelor of Journalism with Broadcast News Major
- Business Foundations Program
- Sports Director and play-by-play voice of student TV station
- Sports writer for student newspaper, The Daily Texan
- Dean's List 1999, 2001
- Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity

Volunteer

- Board Member/Event Planner for Prevent Blindness Iowa
- Volunteer emcee annual events for March of Dimes, Make-A-Wish Foundation, DMACC Athletics
- Urbandale Library Summer Reading Program
- Dressed in costume for Des Moines Metro Opera fundraiser
- Guest speaker at schools and organizations
- Active at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
- Special Olympics Washington

Awards

- Sports Feature Iowa Broadcast News Association (IBNA) 2017
- 3rd place Sports Feature Iowa Broadcast News Association (IBNA) 2016
- 1st place Sports Feature Iowa Broadcast News Association (IBNA) 2013
- Award of Merit Northwest Broadcast News Association, 2013
- 1st place Sports Feature IBNA 2012
- 1st place Sports Feature Eric Sevareid Regional Award 2011
- 2nd place Sports Feature IBNA 2011
- 3rd place Sports Feature IBNA 2011
- Nominated for a Midwest Regional Emmy 2011
- 3rd place Sports Feature IBNA 2009
- 2nd place Sports Story Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Region 10 2007
- 3rd place Sports Story SPJ Region 10 2007