# **Kerry Charles**

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## **Experience**

Weekend Anchor/Reporter, WAGA, Atlanta, GA

May 2018 - Present

#### Anchor/Reporter, WGHP, High Point, NC

**August 2011 - May 2018** 

- Co-anchor 4:30AM-7:00AM
- Primary evening fill-in anchor
- Live reporter and/or field anchor for special coverage/assignments
  - o 2017: Congressional Charity Baseball Game Shooting
  - o 2017: Presidential inauguration
  - o 2016: Republican and Democratic National Conventions
  - 2015: Emmanuel AME Church massacre, removal of the Confederate Flag from the grounds of the S.C. state capitol
  - 2014: Led station's morning/early afternoon live coverage on the passing of world renowned poet, local resident Maya Angelou; also, field anchored 4PM newscast
  - o 2013: 50th anniversary of March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom

#### General Assignment Reporter/Fill-in Anchor, KTAL, Shreveport, LA April 2009 – August 2011

- Strong journalism skills, emphasis on pitching lead stories
- Extremely effective with live breaking news and severe weather coverage
- Solo-anchored two-hour morning newscast, TODAY cut-ins and/or 30-minute evening newscasts as needed

#### Newscast & Special Projects Producer, WSYX/WTTE, Columbus, OH April 2007 – February 2009

- Led news department in producing assigned weekday and/or weekend evening newscasts
- Produced special and/or investigative reports/specials for ratings periods and franchise segments
- Field produced stories, including breaking news when reporters were not available

# Sinclair Broadcasting's Cedar Rapids Flooding Relief Team KGAN/KFXA, Cedar Rapids, IA

**June 2008** 

- Launched and produced first week of station's 5pm newscast
- Reported and secured exclusive video of flood-ravaged downtown Cedar Rapids and evacuated neighborhoods
- Assisted with the production of noon and 10pm editions of CBS 2 News and FOX News at Nine

#### Newscast & Special Projects Producer, WXIX, Cincinnati, OH

**June 2005 – November 2006** 

- Led news department in producing weekend editions of *Ten O'clock News*; associate producer for weeknight editions of *Ten O'clock News*
- Assisted with news gathering, field reporting and producing
- Produced content for station website FOX19.com

#### **Education**

#### University of Cincinnati, McMicken College of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts, Communication

#### **Awards**

- National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Emmy
  - o Community Service (2014) winner
  - o Best Morning Newscast (2017) nominated
- Vernon Jarrett Medal of Journalistic Excellence (2017) finalist
  - Morgan State University School of Global Journalism & Communication recognized the power of a weekly segment I produce called Class Act. The committee appreciated my enterprise stories, which help combat stereotypes of African American students often seen in media and news stories.
- **Guilford County Schools (NC),** *Volunteer of the Month (March 2015)*
- University of Cincinnati, Communication Alumni Champion (2014)
  - One of only 50 alumni in the department's 50 year history to receive this distinction. Communication Alumni Champions excel in their field, exemplify all things communication and/or are supporters of the University of Cincinnati community.

### Affiliations/Organizations

- National Association of Black Journalists
  - o Triad Association of Black Journalists, president (2013-2015)
    - Finalist for 2014 NABJ Professional Chapter of the Year.
  - o 2008 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee, Chair (Columbus, OH)
  - o 2006 Vice-president (Cincinnati, OH)
- **Heads Up for Our Youth,** *Inspiration and organizer of effort that provides grooming lessons, free haircuts and lunch to local elementary and middle school students*
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., International Alumni Chapter of the Year (2013)