

JOHN STEPPE

SPANISH-SPEAKING MULTIMEDIA SPORTS JOURNALIST
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EXPERIENCE

THE (CEDAR RAPIDS) GAZETTE

IOWA HAWKEYES FOOTBALL REPORTER (SEPTEMBER 2021-PRESENT)

- Lead The Gazette's coverage of Iowa Hawkeyes football with in-depth feature articles, analysis, recaps, curated newsletters, videos and an award-winning weekly podcast while engaging readers via social media and text updates.
- Use data, public records requests and other tools to report on bigger-picture stories in Iowa's athletic department and in the Big Ten.
- Assist with coverage of other University of Iowa teams, including Iowa women's basketball during its 2022 and 2023 Big Ten tournament title runs and 2023 Final Four appearance.

BUSINESS AND SPORTS ENTERPRISE REPORTER (MAY 2020-SEPTEMBER 2021)

- Filed about five to 10 articles per week on a variety of business areas, ranging from aviation to energy, while also developing longer-term sports enterprise projects.

NEWS/SPORTS REPORTING INTERN (MAY 2019-AUGUST 2019)

- Reported on news and sports with an emphasis on sports enterprise projects.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

BUSINESS REPORTING INTERN (JANUARY 2020-MAY 2020)

- Reported on real estate, sports business, the impact of COVID-19 and other topics.

SUBURBAN SPORTS REPORTING INTERN (JUNE 2017-SEPTEMBER 2017)

- Covered high school sports for the Journal Sentinel's suburban hub.

VARIOUS OUTLETS

FREELANCE SPORTS REPORTER

- Covered Georgia women's basketball in the first and second rounds of the 2023 NCAA Tournament for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.
- Contributed to The Gazette's coverage of Iowa football road games at Wisconsin and Northwestern after the formal conclusion of my internship in 2019.

O'BRIEN FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM

REPORTING INTERN (AUGUST 2018-MAY 2019)

- Worked on a year-long investigative project on water quality in the Mississippi River Basin.

MARQUETTE WIRE

EXECUTIVE SPORTS EDITOR (MAY 2018-DECEMBER 2019)

- Mentored a staff of 12 reporters, editors and producers, which won 29 regional awards, while reporting on the men's basketball beat. Started covering MU men's basketball in July 2016.

EDUCATION

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY (CLASS OF 2020)

MAJOR: Journalism

MINORS: Digital Media, Spanish for the Business Professions

POYNTER-KOCH MEDIA AND JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP (2021-22 FELLOW)

Learn from Poynter faculty and journalists from across the country as part of a year-long career accelerator program while continuing to report for The Gazette.