

REQUIREMENTS OF PROFILE: One page, half-inch margins on all sides, Arial Narrow 12" font, double-spaced. Provide pertinent photos or Prof Bob will use the one he took in class. See SAMPLE below:



Bob Rucker

I am an undergraduate sophomore majoring in Political Science, with a minor in Secondary Education. My career goal is to be local television news reporter/anchor hopefully back in my hometown of Chicago, Illinois. I realize that is a major challenge considering Chicago is the third largest TV market in the United States. I understand that to get there I must graduate from Northern Illinois University and take an entry level job in a small television news market or city somewhere in the United States. We've been taught once you get your first job, it is expected that you learn all you can and develop your skills for at least one year before attempting to find a new job in another TV market. Like others in the broadcast news profession, I plan to follow this process, step by step over several years, until I have developed my critical thinking, story research, writing, reporting, videotape shooting, editing and producing skills to earn a shot at a job in the Chicago TV market.

My career choice has changed from when I started college in 1972. I have always loved politics and originally planned on completing my bachelor's degree in Political Science, then go on to law school and become a lawyer. My first long term goal was to be elected the first African-American United States Senator from the State of Illinois.

After coming to NIU, however, I found a new career path in college. While living in the dorms and meeting new friends, I learned about the field of broadcast journalism from a floor mate who was studying that. He invited me to volunteer and tryout as a radio news anchor for his campus radio station program. Since I had won several citywide and national speech competitions in high school, enjoyed writing and watching the news, I took the volunteer job as a 6 am Sunday morning radio news anchor on WNIU. After being on the air a few months, an NIU Journalism Professor contacted me saying he liked how I sounded on the radio, and asked me to try out for the student TV newscast. I competed with 20 other students and landed the TV 10 News Sport Anchor position. I am seen now five nights a week on our local cable television station.