

In my search for an Assistant News Director, one name kept coming up again and again: **Taylor Beck**.

We interviewed candidates from across the country, from inside our company and out, and with a variety of experience. That interview process overlapped with significant breaking news events here, and we used that as a filter: who could lead our coverage right now? Who has the leadership experience, local market knowledge, and track record of innovation to make it happen? Who has a reputation to lead with empathy and accountability?

Taylor is a MIZZOU grad (yes, the MIZZOU mafia did support her, but I still insist as a Dawg, I'm above their influence). She was a producer at WAVE before she moved to our now-sister station WTHR in Indianapolis. She worked her way up there over the last 4.5 years to Executive Producer. And, she's been watching us:

I've kept my eye on the Louisville market since I left and have seen a true shift in both content and culture at WHAS. I couldn't turn down coming here and witnessing that firsthand, seeing what I could add to it, and learning from some greats in the business. Coming back to a place that's special to me and staying close to my family is an added bonus!

And, the legendary Louisville foodie scene has been calling her back:

The food. The food. The food. My boyfriend and I's first date was Havana Rumba, so you know we'll be back there soon. A giant chocolate chip cookie from Please & Thank You. A delicious sandwich from Blue Dog Bakery. And I can't pretend I didn't get 3am wings from The Back Door.

Taylor is in the middle of launching WTHR's new 11pm, and is central to their Election Day plans. And, since we're stealing her away FOREVER, we decided to be nice and let WTHR keep her a little longer. **Her first day as Asst. News Director at WHAS will be Nov. 16.**

Join me in congratulating and welcoming Taylor!