As many of you know, Tom Powell is moving on to an exciting opportunity at our Gray Media station in Phoenix, Arizona. Tom has transformed our newsroom culture, united us under the 21Alive brand, and spearheaded our strategy to reach our viewers anytime, anywhere, on any device. We are grateful for his leadership and dedication, and we wish him all the best.

With that, we are excited to announce that Ian Hoover has been named News Director of WPTA 21Alive!

Ian is a lifelong resident of northeast Indiana with over a decade of experience in local news. He began his career with WPTA in 2013 after graduating from Manchester University and has been a key part of our newsroom ever since. Over the years, Ian has contributed to award-winning stories and newscasts in a variety of roles.

Ian's passion for storytelling and mentoring young journalists sets him apart as a newsroom leader. In 2022, he was promoted to Assistant News Director, working closely with Tom Powell. He also recently completed Gray Media's Advanced Leadership Program, a year-long workshop series that prepares journalists to become newsroom leaders.

Please join us in congratulating Ian on his well-earned promotion and in thanking Tom for all he has done for our newsroom.