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Good afternoon, team –

I am excited to share that Whitney Argenbright has been offered and accepted the position of News Director for WTVY News 4!

Whitney's education at Southern Mississippi, followed by her previous experience at WDAM and WALB, prepared her to become WTVY's Assistant News Director back in August 2021. Since then, Whitney's intelligence, organization and determination have proven her mettle. I interviewed multiple qualified individuals who showed interest in our News Director opening, but in the end, it was the endorsement of WTVY's leadership team that helped reinforce my decision.

Whitney understands the importance of teamwork in a station's success, and knows there are deep connections to the Wiregrass that she must rely on across our staff in order to be successful. She's prepared to take our legacy brand forward by continuing to embrace our shared values of professionalism, integrity, community, innovation and passion.

Whitney recently completed a week of training for Poynter Institute's "Essential Skills for Rising Newsroom Leaders," and in March, she has the honor of being selected to participate in Gray News Training's inaugural Advanced Leadership Class. That will include multiple sessions throughout 2023 and is perfectly timed as she steps into this new responsibility.

I'm excited by the vision she has for our newsroom and the plan she's building.

***Please join me in congratulating Whitney!***


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