

I'm happy to announce two new additions to the News 8 Now family. Eric Warren has accepted our offer to join the team as Executive Producer. Some of you may remember Eric from his visit to the station a couple weeks ago. He's a California native who earned his master's degree in communications from Cal-State Fullerton and spent the last four-and-a-half years working in newsrooms across the country, including KTLA in Los Angeles and KFDM in Beaumont, TX. He comes to us most recently from WDTN in Dayton, OH, where he produced the station's primary 6p and 11p newscasts and trained many of the newsroom's incoming producers.

As Executive Producer, Eric will take charge of the J365 program and oversee the production of all newscasts to ensure we're differentiating ourselves across dayparts and living up to our brand.

I'm also thrilled to welcome Brianna Gasper to the team as our newest News Photojournalist. Brianna has more than three years' experience in local television and comes to us from WCIA in Champaign, Illinois, where she worked as a photographer in the newsroom.

We're hoping to have Eric and Brianna here as soon as Oct, 16th, so keep an eye out for them in the newsroom soon.

I'm confident the experience they bring will benefit our product tremendously and I'm excited to have them onboard.

Jason Walker
News Director
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