



# ***BEN GONZALEZ***

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### ***PROFILE***

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Passionate, creative and dedicated is my mantra. Committed, ethical and driven is my heart. Combine all of the above and the result is an award winning broadcast professional with experience ranging from large network show production, ENG field coverage during breaking or planned multicam operation as well as the hiring, training and mentoring technical personnel. I have been part of the boots on the ground team covering multiple presidential campaigns, natural disasters and other high profile events.

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### ***EXPERIENCE***

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#### **BLACK NEWS CHANNEL**

DIRECTOR OF NEWS OPERATIONS

2021-2022

- Responsible for the hiring, training and mentoring of technical personnel at 12 news bureaus staffed by correspondents and photographer/editors. Part of the team responsible for the planning and assignments given to bureau crews taking into consideration the strengths of the technical personnel. Coordinated all field ENG equipment purchases as well as training and mentoring photography staff. Ensured all visual quality as dictated by the VP of News. Responsible for the scheduling and coordinating quality control of the inhouse editors. Experience with technical field producing for all network special events.

#### **ANCAT MEDIA GROUP**

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

2017 – 2021

Owner operator of a multimedia consulting and production company. Clients include CNN, FOX NEWS, FOX NATION, TELEMUNDO NETWORK as well as corporate clients. Responsible for the purchase of and maintenance of all camera, audio, lighting and peripheral equipment.

### **CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

SENIOR MEDIA TECHNICAL PRODUCER

2014 – 2017

Responsible for the production of all on air content from concept to realization for the city channel. I directed and technical directed all live city meetings airing on the channel. Part of the creative team producing content for social media.

### **CGTV-CHINESE CENTRAL TELEVISION**

BUREAU PHOTOGRAPHER/EDITOR

2012 – 2014

Served as the bureau photographer/editor/producer for the network Miami bureau. One of the largest television networks in the world the bureau coverage area was the southeast United States, Caribbean and Latin America covering planned and breaking news.

### **SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA**

PRODUCTION MANAGER

2010 – 2012

As Production Manager I was responsible for synergy of the broadcast and newspaper operations. Assignment Manager for both and executive producer for a weekly one hour information, news and entertainment show airing on the Tribal DirecTv channel. I also served at main field producer for all large tribal events.

### **WGEN – TV**

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

2006 – 2010

Chief Photographer for the Spanish independent television station in the Miami Fl. Market. I was part of the start up team establishing the operation. Responsible for purchasing and coordinating all field equipment. Hired and mentored all photographers and editors on staff.

## **WTVJ – TV**

### **PHOTOGRAPHER/EDITOR**

1999 – 2006

General assignment photographer/editor/live truck operator for Miami's NBC station. Shooting and editing daily news coverage as assigned. Emmy Award winner for a natural sound piece I produced, shot and edited.

## **CNN**

### **SENIOR BUREAU PHOTOGRAPHER**

1989 – 1999

Senior bureau photographer for the Miami and Dallas bureaus. Extensive travel including multiple presidential elections, hurricanes, Central American and Haiti conflicts. Part of the startup team at the CNN Havana Cuba bureau. Main coverage team during Hurricane Andrew in south Florida. Was awarded multiple Emmy awards as part of the Oklahoma City federal bombing and Los Angeles earthquake team.

## **EDUCATION**

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE – Broadcast management technical

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE – Business management and marketing

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## **AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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- **NATIONAL EMMY AWARD:** OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING CNN COVERAGE
- **REGIONAL EMMY AWARD:** WTVJ NATURAL SOUND STORY ON A YOUNG FIREFIGHTER
- **NATIONAL CABLE ACE AWARD:** CNN MONEYLINE SHOW IN HAVANA CUBA
- **3CMA NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AWARD:** CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FL. TELEVISION MB CULTURE
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