Nigel J. Benson

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**Summary of Skills**

Proactive Communications major with strong writing, editing, and critical thinking skills.

**Media Experience:**

**Peach State College Sports** (Fall 2014 – Present)

Write Tennessee State University sports related stories for this website

The first sports reporter from an HBCU to write for Peach State College Sports

**The Meter Newspaper** (Spring 2013 - Spring 2015)

Covered sports as well as health and fitness

**Blueprint Magazine** (Fall2015)

Wrote an in depth feature piece on the tradition of Tennessee State University’s homecoming

**Crossing the Lines Radio**

Helped produce the show

Served as a radio personality to weigh in on current sports topics and issues

**Education:**

Tennessee State University – Nashville, TN Anticipated Graduation Date Aug. 2015 Major: Mass Communications

South Carolina State University – Orangeburg, SC 2010 – 2011 Major: Architectural Engineering Minor: Mass Communications

**Work Experience:**

Cracker Barrel, Nashville, TN 37209

Grill Cook – 2015- Present

* Cook all the hot food made to order

Prep Cook – February 2014 – Present

* Prepare a variety of meats and vegetables for the grill line
* Fill salad as well as desert orders for the servers.
* Responsible for cooking the baked and sweet potatoes

Spartan Central Kitchen, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Production Clerk – May 2011 – August 2014

* Produced, packaged and labeled deli products for sale to Spartan Retail stores, Spartan Distribution Center, and Third Party Customers.

**Awards / Honors**

* Dean’s List spring 2013 and fall 2014
* Selected to represent Tennessee State University Mass Communications Department at the Southeastern Journalism Conference Awards

 Best Sports Writer Award | Nominated