

# Steven Mantilla

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## Education

**B.S. in Photojournalism** 12/2009  
Kent State University, Kent, OH

## Work Experience

**Chief Photojournalist** 01/2015 - Present  
Times-News, Burlington, NC

- Photograph still image packages for news, sports, and features for online and print publication
- Shoot and edit video packages for website
- Create and exceed quota for photo galleries
- Generate story and photography project ideas and collaborates with reporters, photographers, and editors
- Responsible for posting images on website and social media
- Interdepartmental coordination and scheduling
- Generate public interest in visuals by using social media such as Facebook and Twitter
- Develop quarterly feature article with photo package
- Responsible for maintenance of photo equipment
- Write captions according to AP style guidelines
- Manage part-time photographer and freelancers
- Shoot studio portraits for both news and advertising departments
- Fulfill requests for both internal and external use and purchases of images
- Advise and gives direction on photo usage for publication
- Organize and archive photos for future-use

**Staff Photographer** 06/2010 – 12/2014  
Register & Bee, Danville

- Photographed still image packages for news, sports, and features for online and print publication.
- Created photo slide shows for online galleries
- Shot and edited video packages for website
- Studio portraiture
- Responsible for maintenance and acquisition of still, audio and video equipment
- Assisted TV station affiliate WSLs with video content
- Fulfilled requests for both internal and external use of images
- Generated story and photography project ideas and collaborates with reporters
- Interdepartmental communication and scheduling.
- Wrote cutlines according to AP style guidelines
- Created images for advertising including portraits and jewelry
- Responsible for posting images on website and social media

## Work Experience

·Generated public interest in visuals by using social media such as Facebook and Twitter

**Owner** 10/2010 - Present  
Steven Mantilla Photography, Danville, VA

- Developed relationships with several universities and magazines for ongoing editorial and event work
- Created a brand while shooting events and weddings
- Produce quality images for corporations and private clients
- Positive engagement with the public
- Top rated and reviewed photographer on Thumbtack in Danville/Greensboro area.

## Strengths

- Self-Starter
- Goal oriented
- Creative thinking
- Adaptability
- Excellent time management skills
- Constantly seeking ways to further hone technical skill set
- Able to create professional quality images in various lighting situations
- Ability to interact and effectively communicate with people from diverse backgrounds, highlighting teamwork

## Skills

On Location Lighting  
Composition  
Studio Portraiture  
Post Processing  
Event Photography  
Shooting for video  
Audio

Creating visuals for web  
Social Media  
Writing for audiences  
across platforms  
Web Design

Photoshop  
Photo Mechanic  
Audacity  
MS Office  
Adobe Premiere Pro  
Final Cut Pro



## Awards

2016- North Carolina Press Association Photography contest: Third place in Sports and Feature Photography.

2015- North Carolina Press Association Photography contest: second place in Feature Photography and Photo Page.

2014-Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1 : first place awards: General News, Sports News, Photo Illustration and Pictorial.

2013- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: first place awards: Sports Feature, Features, Breaking News

2013- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: third place awards: Features, Breaking News, General News, Portrait, Online Slideshow

2012- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: first place awards: Features, Picture Story and Online Slideshow

2012- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: second place awards: Features, General News, Photo Illustration, Sports and Portraits

2012- Finished tied for fifth place overall in points in the National Press Photographers Association Region 3 clip competition

2011- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: first place awards: General News and Photo Illustration

2011- Virginia Press Association Photography contest D1: second place awards: Features, General News, Portrait and Multimedia

2011- Awards received for National Press Photographers Association Region 3 clip competition include first place in Features, Sports, Illustration, and General News

## References

**Sam Roberts**  
(919)-260-4192

Former chief photographer at the Times-News

**Robert Benson**  
(434)-713- 3650

Former editor at the Danville Register & Bee

**Brittany Hughes Saunders**  
(804) 852-3223

Former reporter at the Danville Register & Bee