



Benjamin Catapane

CONTENT CREATOR &
PRODUCTION SPECIALIST

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Profile

Hello, my name is Ben. I am a creative content producer and broadcast production specialist currently working for the Tampa Bay Rays and Fort Myers Mighty Mussels, while also freelancing for Perfect Game and Major League Baseball. I have substantial knowledge and experience in videography and photography across multiple sports, including baseball, basketball, volleyball, hockey, and stock car racing. With nearly a combined decade in broadcast production — five years in television news and four in sports — I've worked every corner of the control room and field, from cameras and switchers to audio, graphics, and replay. I am also an FAA licensed drone pilot with over 2,200 drone flights under my belt.

I am a competitive worker who believes in the importance of storytelling in media — especially video — in today's world. I believe we are stewards of perspective, and sharing that perspective with audiences (as small as one or as large as a thousand) demands quality. Quality can only be achieved by getting the details right, and getting the details right can only be achieved through pragmatic effort.

Employment History

Video Production Supervisor, Fort Myers Mighty Mussels

JAN 2024 — PRESENT

On-site supervisor/producer of all things video at the Mighty Mussels. I installed and implemented software and hardware solutions, building our MiLB.tv broadcast from the ground up — including designing and constructing a custom replay machine from scratch. I'm responsible for training and supervising all part-time production staff during every home game broadcast. I will also direct/TD select home games. I also produce, shoot, and edit all Mussels creative video content featured on our broadcast, video board, and social media channels. This includes hype videos, mic'd-up player content, player interviews, pre-game shows, sponsor commercials, custom commercial breaks, and more.

Freelance Videographer, Perfect Game

MAY 2025 — PRESENT

Freelance video content shooter/editor for Perfect Game events and tournaments across Florida, responsible for producing fast-turnaround, high-quality highlight videos for live social media use.

RaysVision Technical Director, Tampa Bay Rays

FEB 2023 — PRESENT

Technical director, camera operator, and shader for RaysVision in-house video production at Tropicana Field/George M. Steinbrenner Field and Spring Training at Charlotte Sports Park.

Broadcast Production Assistant, Florida Everblades

OCT 2021 — PRESENT

At Hertz Arena, I work with the Everblades production team to create exciting and engaging hockey broadcasts in-house and for streaming on FloHockey. I have experience with directing and technical directing on a NewTek TriCaster video switcher and filming the action with hard, wireless, and mirrorless cameras.

Freelance Photographer, Major League Baseball

SEPT 2023 — PRESENT

Freelance sports and event photographer for MLB covering Spring Training games, community outreach events, Perfect Game tournaments, team workouts, and more.

Video Production Staff, Boston Red Sox

FEB 2022 – PRESENT

Red Sox Spring Training wireless camera operator, technical director, BSO/ScorePad operator, and DJ/sound mixer creating a fun and entertaining fan experience at JetBlue Park.

Freelance Content Creator

JAN 2019 – PRESENT

Freelance videographer and photographer focusing on baseball, hockey, basketball, and motorsports. Clients include: Major League Baseball, The Red Sox Foundation, Perfect Game, Florida Southwestern State College, Hertz Arena, and more.

Freelance Videographer, Florida SouthWestern State College

AUG 2024 – PRESENT

Filmed and edited high-energy hype videos for multiple FSW teams, delivering engaging content for the in-arena videoboard.

Photographer & Video Producer, Virtual Edge 360

MAY 2015 – PRESENT

I have been the owner of a small business in Charlotte County, FL specializing in drone photography and video production for 8+ years, and have worked with a wide range of clients from real estate brokers to major hospitals and construction companies. I have substantial skills in video production, video editing, audio mixing, lighting, and drone photography. I am certified with the FAA and have logged over 2,200 flights and over 500 hours.

Camera Operator, The NFHS Network

MAY 2022 – MAY 2025

Camera operator for the FHSAA Baseball Finals at the Lee Health Sports Complex capturing all high school playoff and championship games for live streaming on the NFHS Network website.

Drone Pilot, Sunseeker Resorts

JUN 2019 – AUG 2025

sUAS pilot in charge of capturing weekly photos and videos showcasing the construction progress of Sunseeker Resort in Charlotte Harbor and Aileron Golf Club in Port Charlotte.

Photographer II, WFTX Fox4

OCT 2024 – FEB 2025

Lead Nightside Photographer responsible for capturing and delivering compelling news packages and live shots with creativity, efficiency, and technical precision under tight deadlines.

Camera Operator, City of Palms Classic Basketball Tournament

DEC 2023 – DEC 2024

Wireless and locked-down camera operator for the 2023 and 2024 City of Palms Classic High School Basketball Tournament.

Broadcast Technician, New York Yankees

JAN 2023 – DEC 2023

Control room production staff member for New York Yankees Spring Training and the Tampa Tarpons (Single-A) at George M. Steinbrenner Field.

Video Producer & Camera Operator, Fort Myers Mighty Missels

FEB 2022 – JAN 2024

During the minor league season, I serve as a video producer for the Mighty Missels (Single-A) at Hammond Stadium. Over the past two seasons, I've produced pre-game

hype videos, player interview packages, highlight clips for social media, player gladiator shots, and sponsor commercials. During Spring Training I serve as a wireless camera operator for the Minnesota Twins.

Newscast Technician, Waterman Broadcasting

MAR 2021 – SEPT 2021

At Waterman Broadcasting I worked in the studio for NBC-2 and ABC-7 weekday and weekend newscasts operating PTZ cameras, floor directing, and teleprompting.

Production Assistant, WINK News

JUL 2019 – FEB 2021

At WINK News I helped with the daily production of live and pre-recorded news broadcasts both in English and Spanish. My duties included teleprompter, pedestal camera operation, floor directing, audio mixing, graphics, and technical directing. In 2020 I was trained to direct newscasts and have soloed 50+ newscasts as well as promos and teases on weekdays and weekends. I have moderate knowledge of ENPS, Ross Xpression, and Viz Trio. I have technical directing experience during breaking news, hurricane coverage, and political elections. Also in 2020, I began working as a master control operator.

Education

Charlotte Technical College

JAN 2014 – JAN 2016

Digital Design & Website Architecture. National Technical Honor Society Inductee.

Florida Virtual School

JAN 2015 – JAN 2016

Introduction to Information Technology, Web Design (Honors), User Interface Design (Honors).

Homeschool

JAN 2003 – JAN 2016

Volunteering History

Digital Media Coordinator, Sonshine Baptist Church

JAN 2013 – PRESENT

At Sonshine Baptist Church, I work in the sound booth designing and running presentation slides on Sunday mornings, directing and sound mixing the Facebook live stream, and managing the church's website and YouTube channel.

Multimedia Specialist, Young Life

SEPT 2016 – JAN 2020

While at Charlotte County YoungLife my duties included graphic design, audio mixing, videography, social media marketing, photography, and video editing for the weekly clubs and special events throughout the school year.

Licenses

FAA sUAS Part 107 Pilot Certification

SEPT 2016

Credential ID #3914499