

# WILL SIMMONS

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## EDUCATION

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY** **Starkville, MS**  
*Bachelor of Science*, April 2011 3.92 / 4.00 GPA  
Major: Geosciences (Professional Meteorology) Honors College – Summa Cum Laude, CBM Eligible

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## EXPERIENCE

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**WCBI-TV** **Columbus, MS**  
*Morning-Noon Meteorologist* May 2011 – Present  
\* Act as talent for 3 hour morning show, 30 minute noon show, and radio forecasts  
\* Performed wall-to-wall severe weather coverage for historic April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 tornado outbreak  
    \* 2 EF-5 tornadoes in viewing area  
\* Administrate Facebook and Twitter weather pages and update station’s website with blogs and videos  
\* Conduct two interview segments per week, shooting and editing if video is required  
\* Operate Weather Central’s suite of software and ENPS

**WCBI-TV** **Columbus, MS**  
*Fill-In Meteorologist, Weather Intern* January 2010 – April 2011  
\* Forecasted and presented weather for live newscasts using Baron FasTrac and VIPIR radar  
\* Recorded weathercasts and wrote discussions for [wcbi.com](http://wcbi.com)  
\* Participated in elementary school visits

**CAMPUS CONNECT** **Starkville, MS**  
*Meteorologist* August 2010 – April 2011  
\* Built graphics for weekly webcasts using Weather Central 3D:LIVE software  
\* Analyzed and forecasted using GRLevel3 and Bufkit software  
\* Covered January 2011 snow storm

**WEATHERWILL** **Starkville, MS**  
*Webmaster* January 2010 – Present  
\* Developed, designed, and maintain personal website: [weatherwill.com](http://weatherwill.com)  
\* Provide webcasts and/or discussions on current weather for the Southeast

**MSU TELEVISION CENTER** **Starkville, MS**  
*Graphic Engineer, Photographer* October 2007 – May 2010  
\* Managed computers that displayed graphics on “jumbotrons” at major sporting events  
\* Operated cameras that were linked to the display boards

**WTVA / WLOV / WKDH** **Tupelo, MS**  
*Weather Intern* May 2008 – August 2009  
\* Assisted in forecasting and ran live radar for evening and nightly news  
\* Posted weather discussions to [wtva.com](http://wtva.com)  
\* Answered viewers’ calls regarding weather for their area  
\* Produced graphics using WSI TruVu

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## AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS, COMPUTER SKILLS, & ORGANIZATIONS

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- \* Won 2011 WxChallenge team trophy, placing 1<sup>st</sup> out of 71 schools
    - \* Personally placed 17<sup>th</sup> out of 1,192 forecasters
  - \* Selected for and participated in the 2010 Great Plains Storm Chase (MSU)
  - \* Nominated 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Severe Storms Symposium Coordinator
  - \* Private Pilot License
  - \* Bronze Congressional Medal
  - \* Final Cut Pro and Adobe Premiere editing software
  - \* National Weather Association: Member
  - \* American Meteorological Society: Member

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