

# Rajan Awasthi

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## EDUCATION

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### Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

*Bachelor of Arts, Screen Arts - Screenwriting*

Minor: Political Science

Honors: Dean's List, Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Award recipient

May 2024

GPA: 3.6/3.7

**Related Coursework:** Reading Film, Introduction to Screen Arts, Art of Cinematography, Art of Editing, Introduction to Writing Screenplays, History of Film, Intermediate and Capstone Seminar Film & TV Writing Workshop, Special and Advanced Topics in Screen Arts

## EXPERIENCE

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### Filmmaker, The Rat-Man Movie

September 2022 – April 2022

*LSU Screen Arts Department, Baton Rouge, LA*

- Wrote a script using skills learned in screenwriting classes to create the first independent feature film by a current LSU Screen Arts student.
- Directed the film by scheduling numerous actors to work with them on a personal level.
- Played the lead role while giving the director of photography creative freedom to make the production a collaborative effort.
- Edited the film throughout production using Adobe Premiere Pro to ensure release by the end of the semester.
- Traveled to the likes of New York and Florida to film different scenes.
- Hosted an official Screen Arts premiere on campus with help from faculty, attended by many students.

### Seafood Associate, Winn-Dixie

June 2020 – August 2022

*SE Grocers, Destrehan, LA*

- Took stock of important display items by storing, packing, and maintaining records to ensure quality.
- Kept areas clean while multitasking to make sure everything was done by the proper time.
- Trained and worked in two areas, meat and seafood, with relative ease, leading to reliability between the two departments.
- Gained experience in customer service by leading buyers in the right direction and resolving complaints regarding sales to maintain as little conflict as possible.

### News Reporter, LSU Tiger TV

January 2021 – May 2021

*LSU Manship School of Mass Communication, Baton Rouge, LA*

- Conducted taped or filmed interviews for different packages and VO/SOTs on the politics beat.
- Completed different stories every week with writing and editing skills for a weekly live show.
- Researched and reported on specialized fields and revised work to meet editorial approval.
- Posted stories on social media with Tiger TV resources to advertise the brand to a mass audience.
- Stood on call for the occasional breaking news beat to keep the company up to date with the most important stories.
- Edited videos using Premiere Pro and wrote stories within tight deadlines.

## SKILLS

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Adobe Premiere Pro, Acting, Marketing, Content Creation, Customer Service, Screenwriting, Stage Management

## ACTIVITIES

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Performed in high school theatre for three years at Riverside Academy under Darryl Clement. Helped throughout production with stage building, lighting, and sound. Directed two commercials for the high school.