

Aidan Keen

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Profile:

I am a soon to be graduate from SIUE with a major in Mass Communications with a focus in Media Production and a Minor in Digital Humanities. I have a strong passion for storytelling, filmmaking, and visual media.

Work Experience

SIUE Mass Communications Dept. January 2026-May 2026: Teaching Assistant

- Teaching assistant for MC 333/433 - Advanced Video Production/Directing/Producing
- Critique and guide new students in production, assist in productions in and outside of class
- Lecture students on professional production techniques in video editing and shooting.

First Baptist Maryville May 2025-October 2025: Production Intern

- Interned under Randy J Smith, producing live broadcasts of the church's Sunday services, usually 3 each day.
- Take part in production for the lead pastor's daily "word of the day" series, camera operating, teleprompter.
- Experience with switchers and PTZ cameras. Directing, Technical Directing, Hard/Handheld Camera Operations.

AMC Theaters Spring 2025-Present: Crew/Bartender

- Regular interactions with customers regarding ticket, merchandise, and food sales (including suggestive selling and upselling)
- Creative marketing experience gained while creating products for the bar in the theater.

Morris University Center Fall 2022-Spring 2025: Production Lead

- Began as standard Production Worker, promoted to Production lead in Fall of 2023.
- Assigned tasks including set up of audio and visual equipment in event spaces based on client's needs.
- Physical work includes lifting heavy equipment, large numbers of tables, chairs, etc.

Dairy Queen Spring 2020-Summer 2024: Shift Manager

- Started as Cashier before being promoted to manager in 2021.
- Placed in charge of 10 or more employees per shift.
- Focus on customer service and helping frustrated customers or employees.

Education

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (Expected Graduation Date May 2026)

- 3.88 GPA
- Dean's List Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

Achievements and Skills

- Honorable mention for NPR Student Podcast Competition for my submission "My Roommate's Scandal"
- Third Place Selection at Friends of the Wildey Film Festival for my short film "A Twisted Tradition"
- Cinematographer/Editor on First Place Selection at Friends of the Wildey Film Festival, Thomas Drake's No Second Chances
- AMC Associate of the Month June, November 2025
- Experience in News Broadcasts (directing, technical directing, hard/handheld cam op, audio)
- Experience working with a crew on student produced segments with SIUE Global Village (Directing, Cinematography, Audio, Editing, Lighting)
- Adobe Suite (Premiere, Audition, Photoshop)
- Microsoft Apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Self-taught musician including guitar, bass, drums, piano.