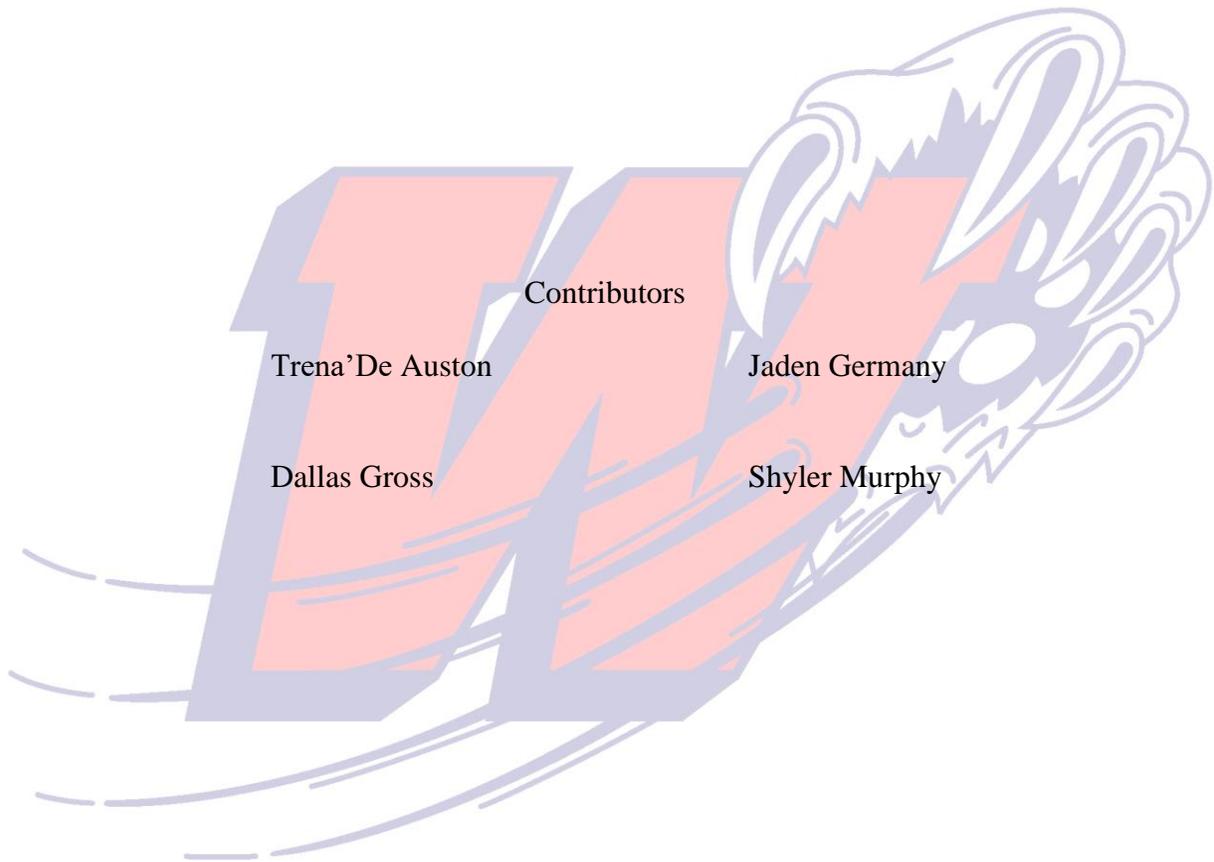




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Wilson Magnet High School's JV Basketball team is blazing through the start of their season going undefeated with a 7-0 record and has left them ranked as one of the best JV teams in Rochester.

"Coach PV is always pushing and making us go that extra mile." Says Jayden Ingram, player on the squad.

Ingram gives most of his credit to his coach for the great start, saying, "Coach PV pushes us hard all the time in every practice and doesn't let up at all."

He also has a lot of praise for his teammates. "Without them, I would never be able to make the plays I make. I need my teammates in order to play well and we all need each other to play well and win. It wouldn't feel right to be with any other team," says Ingram about their hard work.

On the court, the JV team's chemistry is amazing. You hardly ever see them argue with each other on a bad play or a mess up.

Malik Wiggins, another player on the team, adds, "In practice we goof off a lot... really helps build team chemistry. Coach PV really doesn't mind it and he actually goofs off with us from time to time."

The mix of hard work with a light spirit is paying off. Good luck to the Wilson Wildcats for the rest of their season!



I Took the One Less Traveled by...

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Career paths don't always end where you think they will. Dan Gross, from WROC News Channel 8, did not plan to pursue the career he has today.

Gross had an interest in music and played in school bands growing up. While he enjoyed music, he never thought of it being in the front and center of his future. Instead, he wanted to be a music journalist to stay around what his passion.

Coming on board at Channel 8, Gross hoped to just start a music segment but ended up being a jack-of-all-trades with jobs including photographer, producer and business and development reporter.

While doing his job, he enjoys meeting new people (business owners), finding it very interesting and rewarding to get to know and learn about different communities. He also enjoys the fast pace his job requires.

According to Gross, "My favorite part of the day-to-day is when I receive hot stories about exciting events and am the first person to report about them. It is an exciting feeling."

He has worked for Channel 8 for the past six-and-a-half years and has been in the business and development world for the last two.

Some of his projects aired throughout the United States and, later, worldwide.

Throughout his career, his work skills have improved drastically. For example, he has a better sense of what is 'news' and what is not, can work in a better time frame (as he can edit a video in twenty minutes), and has become a better interviewer.

Gross claims there are many things that he wished he had known entering his career. One of them is to focus on the job opportunity that is in front of you.

Another is to, "Do the job you were hired for," meaning: don't jump in your co-workers' lanes – let them do their jobs and you do yours.

Lastly, remember there is a better way to do and say things to someone to maintain a good relationship.

Although Gross did not immediately work with music, he has since created a "Songs from Studio B" segment that highlights local musical talent and volunteers as a host on Jazz 90.1.

While his path may not have gone how he envisioned it, Gross loves being a journalist for Channel 8 News.