

# MAIYA BANKS

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## Summary

Author of photo essays "The Essence of Elegance" and "Graceful Dreamers," I am an award-winning visual storyteller that strives in the areas of photography, producing, organization, and team-building to capture life's most precious moments.

## Education

### B.S Mass Communication - Photography

*Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN*

Expected December 2023

- Learning to communicate through a visual medium primarily through photography and support with video production, writing, research, social media, and journalism.

## Related Experience

### Chattanooga Ballet, Artsbuild Fellowship Intern

Chattanooga, TN June 2023 - August 2023

- Office management
- Curriculum development for summer dance camp
- In - Studio dance photography
- Touring research, Costume organization

### Bella Baby Photography, *Photographer*

Chattanooga, TN May 2022 - April 2023

- Photographed over 550 babies and clients that desire services
- Cull and edit photo with Adobe Lightroom and create galleries for clients
- Sold 188 packages, which totaled \$35,359.00

### *Ignite, Producer/ Assistant Producer*

Collegedale, TN January 2022 - April 2023

- Produced four episodes & assisted in planning eight episodes for student-led talk show
- Coordinates with hosts, special guests, and volunteers with direction of each episode
- Arranges production schedules, editing, and distribution process

## Awards & Scholarships

- Award of Excellence, April 2023
- Lambda Pi Eta, April 2022
- School of Journalism and Communication Top Achiever Award, April 2022
- Coffey Award for Creative Communicators, August 2020
- Presidential Academic Scholarship, August 2020
- Distinguished Dean's List, August 2020-present
- Offered internships at Reach Records, JustFab, New York Life, Tennessee Valley Credit Union, & Styled Calendar