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Upon enrolling in broadcast, I wasn't sure what to expect but I had an interest in it so I decided to stick with it. Within my first two years of being in the program I didn't step in front of the camera, and mostly did work behind the scenes. With it being a predominantly white environment, I felt like there was no room for me to grow in front of the camera, and all my options lacked value. It was not until COVID-19 hit, had I finally got a shot to be in front of the camera. The opportunity came about because of our Pandemic Program broadcast created by Grant and the other leaders members of our broadcasting program at the time. That was my first time in front of the camera and I was nervous because although this was something that I had always wanted, I hadn't had much practice. Months had passed since my first moment in the spotlight and I had soon discovered I won a TAJE award for superior welcome distraction regarding COVID-19 coverage. The new school year was approaching by this point and I was certain I would just go back to being behind the camera until I was touring our new school and walked into the studio where Grant welcomed me with open arms after months of quarantine. Grant walked me through our new classroom and told me he wanted me to be the host of HTN Daily. I was honestly surprised because I never indicated to others that I wanted to be in front of the camera but Grant saw something in me and pushed me to be my best self. He helped me practice reading my lines from a teleprompter for almost a month straight leading up to our first show, and no matter what he always made sure I was comfortable with every adjustment made to the show. Prior to this, I had been in the same class with the same students and never spoke a word to them, but after coming to Rock Hill just through Grant believing in me alone, I've become friends with everyone in the program and I also serve as a friendly face throughout the school, there are even times I get recognized out in our community just from hosting the show. Grant took HTN and made it an environment where everyone can feel safe to voice their opinions no matter their background, and not only that he made it possible for me to create history as the first-ever black anchor for HTN. I'm beyond thankful that Grant isn't just a friend, he's someone who I know cares about others and wants the best for everyone around him.

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