



Alex Farris

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Works at Center for Hip and Knee Surgery

Past: Lafayette Journal & Courier, IU Student Media

Studied Journalism and Spanish at Indiana University

Past: Universidad Complutense Madrid

Lives in Indianapolis, Indiana

From Indianapolis, Indiana

References

Merrill Ritter, M.D.

Founder, Center for Hip and Knee Surgery
317-590-0491

Ruth Witmer

Editorial adviser, Indiana Daily Student
812-855-8009

Jim Kelly

Associate professor, IU School of Journalism
812-929-9755

Places

Research Writer

June 2006 – Present, Center for Hip and Knee Surgery

Published seven research papers on total joint replacement based on data from over 40,000 artificial hips and knees implanted since 1969. Articles found in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*, *Orthopedics*, *Bone and Joint Research*, *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, *Bone and Joint Journal*, *HSS Journal*, and *Arthropaedia*.

Stringer

September 2011 – Present, The Indianapolis Star



Staff Photographer

March – April 2013, Lafayette Journal & Courier



Photographer and Photo Editor

April 2008 – July 2011, IU Student Media



Pre-medical Student, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, June 2013 - Present

Fulfill post-baccalaureate requirements for entry into medical school. One chemistry class taken in summer 2013, four classes taken in fall 2013, four classes taken in spring 2013, three classes taken in summer 2014, and one class in progress in fall 2014. **Cumulative GPA** (including 2007-2011 work toward bachelor's degree): **3.83**.

Lab Volunteer, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, November 2013 - Present

Prepare zebrafish embryos for analysis in lab of Dr. James Marrs. Assist experiments examining the effect of ethanol and other teratogens on zebrafish embryonic development and its relevant genes. Third author on published **poster**.

Orthopedic researcher, Center for Hip and Knee Surgery, June 2006 - Present

Analyze data, discuss conclusions with statistician and doctors, read background information, write and edit papers, submit to orthopedic journals. Center houses six nationally-renowned orthopedic surgeons who collectively perform over 1,000 total hip and knee replacements per year. Author on **seven published papers**, including one in prestigious [Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery](#). Was **translator in Guatemala** for center's annual Operation Walk aid trip.

Stringer, The Indianapolis Star, Sept 2011 - Present

Take photos and submit to newsroom on tight deadline when needed to supplement staff photographers' work. Assignments include features, concerts, general news, and sports. Work appears online and in print editions.

Staff photographer, Journal & Courier, March - April 2013

Took photos full-time for daily newspaper in Lafayette, Ind., filling in for six weeks for photo editor on medical leave. Assignments included basketball games, breaking news, special section covers, general news and features.

Photographer, IU Student Media, Apr 2008 - July 2011

Covered general news, sports (basketball, football, baseball, soccer, swimming, etc.), features, breaking news, arts and other assignments. Positions held: [Indiana Daily Student newspaper photo editor](#) (fall 2010), **study-abroad writer and photographer** (spring 2010), new-photographer **mentor** (fall 2009) and **web editor** (summer 2011); and [Arbutus yearbook photo editor](#) (spring 2011).

Ernie Pyle Scholar, Indiana University-Bloomington, Aug 2007 - May 2011

Graduated with distinction (3.78 GPA) and General Honors Notation from [Hutton Honors College](#). Majors in journalism and Spanish, minors in biology and West European Studies. Extracurricular activities: [IU Student Media](#) (see above); co-editor and page designer, [The Undergraduate Scholar](#); photographer, [HoosOnFirst Improv](#) comedy troupe.

Overseas Study, May-July 2009 (London) & January-July 2010 (Madrid)

In [London](#): took class on international reporting from former [CBC](#) editor; visited [BBC](#), [Reuters](#), and [Al-Jazeera English](#) offices; worked three days a week as volunteer at [Science Media Centre](#)

In [Madrid](#): took full schedule of classes from Spanish professors at [Universidad Complutense](#); sent photos and stories to [Indiana Daily Student](#) for weekly study-abroad section

Awards and Recognition

Inaugural inductee, [Kappa Tau Alpha](#) journalism honors fraternity (IU chapter), 2011

1st place, sports action black & white photo, [Columbia Scholastic Press Association](#), 2010

Editor's pick, [Demotix](#) photo agency, Oct. 9, 2012