

## Alexander Fuchs' Professional Development Plan

This is an opportunity for me to plan out both my short and long terms goals for myself in the years to come. I am a very skilled communicator and love to engage and interact with people. I have learned over the years to not let someone's title and prestige scare me away from an interview or conversation. I am punctual and always arrive to meetings and my place of work early. I plan ahead for events and always have arrangements laid out ahead of time. I am good at making quick, spontaneous decisions, never having a fear of deciding on the spot. I am personable, I enjoying getting to know others and learning about different cultures and lifestyles. I have a positive attitude towards everything I do. I make the best of each situation because I believe nobody benefits from being negative.

There are plenty of things I'd like to do in my work life. I want to be a well respected employee and peer wherever I work. I wanted to be an organized worker and be able to prioritize my duties efficiently. My ultimate goal is to work for a professional sports organization. I have a passion for baseball, and would love to be a field reporter or announcer for someone like the Minnesota Twins or Milwaukee Brewers.

**What skills, knowledge and experiences do you need in order to be qualified for your targeted position?**

- **Great communication skills**
- **Understand people on an interpersonal level**
- **Knowledge of news writing and reporting**
- **Internship experience**
- **Punctuality**
- **Solid organization skills**
- **Listening and mentor skills**

**I have done some research to find out what employers and companies are looking for in the workforce, and I feel I meet these requirements to get myself recognized and started right out of college. National news institutions want someone who is engaging, energetic, and experienced. I lack in the experience department, but everyone needs to start somewhere to gain this “experience” . They want this individual to have active internal and external leadership roles to ensure future success on all platforms.**

**Ideal candidates for anchor and reporter type jobs need to be committed to journalism excellence, a strong writer/reporter and can really drive the best produced news and information from anywhere. This person needs to display superior knowledge of both the media world and the community they are reporting on.**

### Goals five years from now:

I hope that in five years I can really be established in a job that I am happy with. I will be 28 years old by then, and would love to be married to someone I can spend the rest of my life with. I would like to have a master's degree by this time, but I'll address that in the three year marker. But depending on the quality of my work and the luck of moving up the ladder in a job, I will be making some decent money and be in a management type role. At this time, I'd like to be announcing Vikings or Twins games for either the television crowd, or the one of thousands at the stadium. Five years from now I see myself no longer living with my parents or renting on an apartment, but looking for a home that I can rebuild and start a family in. Somewhere in the Twin Cities metro preferably, but job depending I could be anywhere. I know that I would like to live in a big city, or at least on the outskirts of one.

### Goals three years from now:

A big goal I have for myself three years from now is to have enough money saved from living at home that I can afford living on my own. My starting salary, whatever that may be at 23 years old, is substantially higher three years from now. College has put me in some debt that is manageable, but it is of first concern and if I am frugal enough I hope to have most of it paid off by the time I am 26. Since most places in the journalism industry look for both two to five years experience and a bachelor's degree as requirement, I want to be in a position to move up the ranks with both these qualifications. Unless you are Justin Bieber, we know stardom and success doesn't happen overnight.

Sports journalism has always been my first choice or path, but I can't go straight to ESPN and run the show. Three years should be enough time to get my foot in the door at maybe a college level sports program like Minnesota Gophers athletics, Madison Badgers, etc.

Goals a year from now:

A year from now seems like it will be here by tomorrow. There is a lot for me to do in my near future and I don't know where to begin. My main priority is to save money. I will be living at home back in the suburbs of Minneapolis with my family. I hope to find a job with a local radio or television station doing entry level work with either the promotions staff of event coordinating, just to get my foot in the door somewhere and get recognized. I am very charismatic and outgoing and would like to be seen as someone who could benefit a company right out of college and really hit the ground running.

Work Environment I seek:

I would love to be a working atmosphere with people that are energetic and want to move at a high pace. I want to be able to call some people friends at work, someone I can share personal stories with, (not too personal) but close enough to be more than just co-workers. I'm going to give off the vibe that people can come to me with problems or concerns and not worry about criticism and judgment, which I hope would be reciprocated.

I'd like to work at a place where I can ask for assistance and seek guidance when I need it without feeling dumb for asking.

**Community Environment I seek:**

I would love to live in a big city as I stated previously in my plan. Growing up in north Minneapolis, I have a great appreciation for the city lifestyle. Early in my life, I'd like to live in the actual downtown, where I can walk to get things like milk and other essential items. Safety is also a concern of mine, but I feel as a man in my early twenties, I can live in an urban area for awhile, and then when the time comes to migrate to the suburbs and start the family life I will. I want to live alone for a year or two, to have a sense of independence and be able to rely on myself. Unless I have a significant other or girlfriend right away, a single bedroom apartment will suffice for my early work life.

**Work and Personal Life:**

I want to feel satisfied and comfortable with both my profession and my personal life. My career and work life will be most important to me early on, as I need to be financial stable and establish myself as a prominent journalist/employee. Work and personal life in my mind should be separate things. I want to have friends at work and be a personable guy, but I don't want to have my work conflict with my family and friends. Overall, my family and personal life is more important to me. My philosophy is "Don't live to work, work to live". Of course work is important and I want to be successful, but build strong relationships and family takes precedence. I want to have couple kids and be a good father first and foremost. Life is too short, and I want to spend mine with family and friends.

## How will I know when it is time to look for the next job?

There are many factors that will help me decide whether or not it is time to move onto my next opportunity. Money is a key component in if I stay with a company for a substantial amount of time. I cannot be too picky about my wage in the early stages of work, but if I am unable to support myself or live within my means, then I know it's time to begin looking for a new job. When my job becomes boring and I dread waking up and driving to work every morning, this will indicate to me it is time to search. Also, when my place of employment no longer challenges me, or I feel like I can do better than my current state, I will apply elsewhere and try to upgrade my position and salary.