



ABC 7 CHICAGO

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ABC7 CHICAGO I-TEAM CONSUMER INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER SAMANTHA CHATMAN PROMOTED TO WEEKEND MORNING NEWS ANCHOR



ABC7 I-Team consumer investigative reporter Samantha Chatman was promoted to weekend morning anchor, it was announced today by Jennifer Graves, Vice President of News, ABC7 Eyewitness News. Chatman will anchor the weekend morning newscasts with Mark Rivera effective immediately while continuing to cover consumer investigative stories for the station.

According to Graves, “We’re thrilled that Samantha Chatman, a Chicago original who grew up watching ABC7 Eyewitness News and later became an ABC7 intern, has been promoted to an important role on the weekend anchor desk. Since joining the station, Samantha has connected with our viewers, in part because of how her stories have helped consumers here but also because of her commitment to our diverse community.”

An Emmy® Award-winning reporter, Chatman grew up in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood on the South Side. She joined Chicago's No. 1 news station in September 2019. Prior to joining ABC7 Eyewitness News, Chatman was a consumer investigative reporter for KXAS-TV, the NBC-owned station in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. Before moving to Dallas/Fort Worth, Chatman was the business reporter at WDRB-TV in Louisville, Kentucky. She started her career at WEEK-TV in Peoria, Illinois, where she worked as a multimedia journalist, fill-in anchor and weather anchor.

Chatman attended Kenwood Academy's Academic Center for middle school, Lincoln Park High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a minor in African American studies. During her senior year at the University of Illinois, Chatman was selected for a news internship at ABC 7 Chicago.

Chatman is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the National Association of Black Journalists.

About ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago

ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago is the No. 1 local news source and most-watched television station in Chicago. With top-rated daily newscasts spanning decades and the largest social media presence in the market with more than 2.6 million Facebook followers, ABC7 Eyewitness News provides breaking news, investigative reporting, weather, politics, traffic and sports in the multiplatform space to Chicago, the suburbs and northwest Indiana. Named *Best News Operation* by the Associated Press for four consecutive years, ABC 7 Eyewitness News produces "Chicago Proud," a series of features that spotlights everyday heroes in and around Chicago. The station also produces the highest-rated New Year's Eve special in Chicago, holiday kickoff special "The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival," syndicated to a national audience, as well as the award-winning program series "Our Chicago," which showcases the city's diversity and highlights contributions in the Black, Hispanic, Asian, LGBTQ+ communities, among others. Every Friday, Windy City Weekend entertains while giving Chicagoans everything they need to know about what's happening in the city. ABC 7 is the only Chicago station producing and broadcasting parades representing Chicago's rich cultural history. In addition to producing town halls focused on current social issues, the station has a long and proud tradition of broadcasting political candidate debates keeping Chicago's electorate informed. ABC7's outreach efforts include annual partnerships with the Red Cross for life-saving blood drives, one of the biggest one-day drives in the country and, most recently, spearheading an effort to raise more than \$1.5 million for area food pantries.

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