



Gabe Lenners, '12 **Host/Producer in Los Angeles**

Following his 2012 graduation from the broadcast journalism program, Gabe Lenners headed to Los Angeles to start his career in the entertainment industry. Lenners worked on the digital team at the Television Academy and then at a talent agency before beginning his professional hosting career. Lenners, who works on a variety of projects in the L.A. area, recently shared more about his career and reflected on his time in Gaylord College.

What are your favorite Gaylord College memories?

My favorite memories included being a part of OU Nightly, working on Gaylord Ambassadors projects throughout the year and learning from incredible instructors.

Do you have a favorite faculty/staff member in the program?

Whether it was teaching me how to write a news script or set up lighting, each of Gaylord College's professors inspired me in different ways! I'll never forget learning from Mike Boettcher in the field during a breaking news story

Describe your role as a host/producer in Los Angeles.

Over the past few years I've worked for multiple teams at Disney, including Radio Disney, ABC News Live and Good Morning America digital. While covering different events, my role included interviewing people on-camera, hosting IG stories and producing longer-form news pieces.

What do you consider to be the most significant moments of your career so far?

Some of my favorite career highlights so far included reporting from Kanye West's Sunday Service at Coachella for ABC News Live, interviewing Luke Bryan and hosting for Disney+ at D23 at Disneyland.

How did your time at OU prepare you for your future career?

Gaylord College taught me all the skills I needed for my career! I learned how to write, edit and create flushed out concepts from an idea to a final product.

he was covering for ABC News. Mike always pushed me to do more and opened my eyes to the world of journalism.

How did your career path lead you to work for Disney?

Many experiences led to my work in The Walt Disney Company! However, it all started with an internship at ABC News while at Gaylord College. Through the internship, I learned how to interview people on-camera, produce and write stories.

What advice would you give to current students aspiring to a career in mass communication?

I would tell students to try new things and truly take time to figure out what you are passionate about. College is the time to do that!

What do you do for fun outside of work?

I love to run in the Santa Monica Mountains, hang out with friends and explore local coffee shops around Los Angeles.



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