

# MATTHEW KANAKIS

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Photography/Videography/Editing/Social Media  
Public Relations, Advertisement and Applied Communications Student  
Willing to relocate: Anywhere



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Internship 2019

**Compass** - New York, NY  
July 2019 to August 2019

This past Summer 2019, I completed an 8 week unpaid internship in New York City with Compass Real Estate. While there I photographed for local NYC real estate agents for their team's magazine where I fully planned, scheduled and chose photo logistics for the full 12 month issue magazine. With multiple photoshoots (including one at 4:30am in Times Square) we took over 1,500 photos in a span of three days. I was apart of the photo selection process where I assisted in editing and narrowing down photo selections in lengthy marketing meetings with the team members. I also assisted in marketing campaigns (creating concepts) and photographed local areas of traditional Manhattan businesses that have been around for decades in a segment of the magazine that focused on the heartbeat of the city's past.

### Photographer/Videographer/Editor



## EDUCATION

### Photography, Public Relations, Advertising and Communications

**Florida International University** - Miami, FL  
August 2019 to Present

### Associate in Art & Art Education (emphasis in photography)

**Miami Dade College** - Miami, FL  
August 2015 to April 2018

### High School Diploma

**Miami Sunset Senior High School** - Miami, FL  
August 2011 to May 2015



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## SKILLS

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- **Photography (6 years)**
- **Lightroom (3 years)**
- **Videography/Editing (2 years)**
- **Photoshop (2 years)**



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## LINKS

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<http://matthewkanakisphotography.com>

<https://www.instagram.com/mattkanakis/>



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## AWARDS

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### **Capture Coral Gables 1st Place Category Award 2013**

August 2013

Local photography competition with over 600 submissions with only the top 80 being selected to be showcased in the Coral Gables Museum for a two month period to be voted on by the public and professional jury. I was presented with first place in my category.

### **Capture Coral Gables 1st Place Category Award 2014**

August 2014

The second consecutive year I was awarded 1st Place in my category. A Local photography competition with over 600 submissions with only the top 80 being selected to be showcased in the Coral Gables Museum for a two month period to be voted on by the public and professional jury. I was presented with first place in my category. For the second consecutive year.

### **Jostens United States Wide Photography Competition Finalist**

May 2015

Jostens yearbook photography competition hosted their annual competition with approximately 1,000+ submissions. I was selected as a finalist, placing in their top 100 photos.

### **Photographers Forum Worldwide Photography Competition Finalist**

February 2016

A worldwide photography competition for college students with over 14,000 submissions. I was chosen in the top 400 photos and was also published in the competitions textbook that is now used for college photography students.

### **Capture Coral Gables Museum Photography Competition**

February 2019

Capture Coral Gables Museum Photography Competition

Finished with the award of 1st Peoples Choice Award. This allowed for my photograph to be published in a local Coral Gables Magazine.



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## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Photographers Forum Textbook for Highschool and College Students**

<http://pfmagazine.com/product/best-of-college-high-school-photography-2016/>

June 2016

Publication was due to my placement in the Photographers Forum Worldwide Photography competition.



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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My name is Matthew Kanakis and I am a 23 year old student who recently obtained my Associates in Arts Degree at Miami Dade College. I am now currently looking to obtain my Bachelors in Public Relations, Advertising and Applied Communications at Florida International University. I have started my academic path towards by bachelors this August 2019. I am an ambitious and self-driven individual, visual artist and student who views New York City a window of endless opportunities to learn, grow and be successful. My work was exhibited in two local artist showcases in Miami and New York since last June. There I was able to self network an opportunity to travel to NYC and photograph New York Fashion Week after my portfolio caught the attention of a NYFW recruiter. I am thoroughly experienced in photo editing software and social media platforms. I am determined to be successful, network myself with others and express my artistic eye through my photographs in a way that improves my craft each and every day. I am currently looking for Summer 2020 internship. I am interested in an internship involving anything to do with Social Media, Public Relations/Advertising/Journalism or photography/editing. Either in Miami or New York City. I live in Miami but am able to travel to NYC for a long period of time if needed. I also have plans to move to NY after graduating from Florida International University. I'm looking for internships that will challenge me and allow me to not only grow as an artist but as a person as well. Im looking to learn more and eager to create opportunities for myself while working hard and being punctual.