In no particular order, those traits include a desire and ability to:

- Tell a story
- Tell the truth
- Listen
- Summarize
- Prioritize
- Synthesize
- Ask questions
- Dig
- Be dogged and relentless
- Provide context
- Constantly pursue knowledge and understanding
- Be comprehensive
- Think critically
- Work ethically
- Cope with uncertainty
- Adapt
- Appreciate new ideas
- Innovate
- Teach
- Connect
- Interact with the audience
- Start and participate in conversations
- Be part of a community
- Be mobile
- Work with others
- Relate
- Know it’s not about you

I believe I embody all of these characteristics.

Collectively, this list represents a foundation on which I am always building. Tools help build on the foundation, and I am well versed with many tools, but it’s the result—the journalism—that matters more.

I am the future of journalism because I can take a step back, look forward and see what’s truly important. And—with perspective, mindset, skill set and all the traits listed above—I will lead the way.

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