



# James (Jimmy) Blair Kennedy III

## Communications Major

Jimmy has been a TV/radio/public relations contributor for the Indianapolis Colts since 2009. He has been featured as a team correspondent on the WTTV program Colts Up Close with Jeffrey Gorman, discussing team related activities including upcoming games and the NFL Draft. With the Indianapolis Colts public relations department, Jimmy serves as part of the game services press box staff. His duties include supervising and coordinating the broadcast needs of media members on the field during home games. This will be his third season.

VR Counselor- Julia A. Blunk, Jimmy Kennedy & Marie Ken

Jimmy was named the Most Outstanding Freshman in the Communication Department at UIndy for having an overall 4.0 GPA and the highest overall GPA among freshman in the Communication Department. As part of UIndy TV5's staff, Jimmy contributed to the sports department as a play-by-play commentator, color analyst, and correspondent producing story packages for live remote broadcasts. Jimmy returns to WICR as a contributor to their sports department, serving as a play-by-play commentator, color analyst, and studio reporter. Jimmy also serves WICR as an on-air personality for jazz and pop music formats.

Jimmy was the sports director for CHTV at Carmel High School for 3 years where he hosted, wrote, and produced, a monthly half hour sports program called Sound of the Hound. He also served as the lead play-by-play and color commentator for remote broadcasts on a weekly basis from 2010-2013, including state tournaments for football and basketball.

In addition to assisting Jimmy with some of the costs of his college education, VR has also provided services and supports to help Jimmy safely and independently get around his college campus, as well as drivers training and modifications to his vehicle, allowing him to keep up with his busy TV/radio experiences, building on his already excellent skills as he works toward his employment goal. Upon graduation in May of 2017 Jimmy hopes to work in the communications field for a professional sports organization.

Jimmy, who has cerebral palsy, has also been a public speaker with the non-profit organization Timmy Global Health. Through his presentations to schools, businesses, and organizations, he attempts to promote an initiative of ability rather than disability.