

Recommendations: K.S. Anthony
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“During our time working together at A Plus, Kalae quickly became one my most reliable colleagues, and the reasons why are numerous. First, I appreciated his talent to seemingly “make something out of nothing,” regularly demonstrated by his crafting of well-written masterpieces forged from scant amounts of info or client preferences, but often filled with relevant accompanying details and emotive storytelling.

Second, those same skills plus fact-filled research helped shaped the powerful narratives that he infused into his original and reported stories, which consistently succeeded at informing and attaching a human face to the topic at hand.

Third, I witnessed Kalae mentoring younger writers to help them use their own talents to tell similar kinds of stories, showcasing leadership chops that coincided with his understanding and development of an editorial vision. That he utilized his vast experience to the benefit of our young talent only helped to improve their approach to stories and our overall goals of producing positive journalism.

Fourth, his devotion to his craft transcended from the screen, and led to initiatives that were very much on-brand and charitable. Not one to simply let a story be just a story, Kalae often took steps to make write-ups more impactful, be it discovering new talent to helping fundraise for a child who had cancer — his passion was contagious and encouraged many other members of our team to follow suit.

In addition, Kalae was able to work as a member of a team and by himself; was quick to turn around stories but also had well-defined ideas about the future; stepped up when assistance was needed; was a pro at interpreting social analytics; and has an innate ability to determine a soon-to-be viral or trending story hours beforehand. He also isn’t afraid to reach out for comments — a solid storytelling skill to add more to an article in this day and age of aggregation.

For these reasons and more, Kalae would make an excellent addition to any team fortunate enough to have him among its ranks.”

--Joel Lyons, Entertainment Editor: A Plus.

“I was privileged to work with Kalae for two years at A Plus, and cannot recommend his work highly enough. While at A Plus, he set the standard with his talent for prose and his unflagging sense of our voice and our mission.

Kalae was the first editorial employee that A Plus hired, but even if he had been the most recent, his commitment to quality storytelling and his skill at shaping narratives — both those of his subjects and those of our brand — would have made his impact monumental. As it was, I can say with full assurance that A Plus would be a far different publication today without his contributions.

There are few people that can seamlessly take on any role or responsibility that you give them, and, within 24 hours, out-compete those who have been performing that same role or responsibility for months, if not years. Kalae is one of those people. From writing branded content, to editing, to managing a diverse array of social media accounts and other projects, he demonstrated a unique ability to adapt to new challenges and master them, seemingly overnight.

I cannot overstate how tremendous of an addition he would be to any publication or team, and I am excited to see what role he masters next.”

--Cate Matthews, Managing Editor: A Plus.

“K.S. is an excellent writer, employee, friend, and person. I would know, as I worked with him for 3.5 years. I met him through his cover letter when he applied to our three person business, and he promised to be one of the best writers we would find. Kalae kept this promise and more. Always punctual, responsible, and extremely loyal, he worked extremely hard for our company and as we grew he was an important part of the team. He put the team's interests ahead of his own, for example by volunteering to work holidays, even Christmas, when we needed someone to cover. I will miss working with him.”

--Evan Beard, former CEO: A Plus; Founder: Standard Bots.

“I've worked closely with Kalae for the past three years at A Plus, and I can give him my unqualified recommendation. He is industrious - when we first started working on the business he was always the first person in the office, usually by 7a, and would finish the day when we were all done. He is loyal - he will go above and beyond to help those that he works with to achieve what they want professionally and personally. He is dependable - when he's given something to work on, he will always find a way to finish the task at hand. Most of all he is someone who cares deeply about his work and his colleagues, and that's the most important thing that you could ask for.”

--Kendall Dabaghi, former President: A Plus. Entrepreneur.