

Sam Rizzo Intern Spotlight: My Week in 60 Seconds

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Meet Sam Rizzo, a summer intern sharing a day in his life

Hi United,

My name is Sam Rizzo, and I'm an incoming senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Strategic Communication and News Reporting. I'm an intern in the Corporate Communications department on the ORD Hub Communications team. My day showcases the breadth of the United experience, from work-related travel and onsite media events to the opportunity to spend time in a flight simulator.

The DEN Flight Training Center hosted a *Make-A-Wish* event for four children in Colorado, with special guest First Officer Kai Rackley joining the kids during their day. I traveled to DEN to assist our Hub Communications team there with media relations duties for the event, including helping coordinate interviews with Kai, the Make-A-Wish children, our Community Market Impact team, and more. The Denver Hub Communications Manager, Russell Carlton, secured multiple reporters.

I also touched on [Captain Chresten Wilson's story](#) with a Denver reporter about her journey to become the first woman to be United's most senior pilot. To round out my time in DEN, I got to "take flight" in one of our flight simulators.

Thanks for watching,

Sam

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