

## WCIU, The U's 'You & Me' hires two new reporters Ashley Barnes and Rodney Spencer

9/6/16 – WCIU, The U's morning show 'You & Me,' hosted by Melissa Forman and Jeanne Sparrow, welcomes two new reporters, Ashley Barnes and Rodney Spencer, who will join staff reporters Chris DeRose and Jon Hansen on the show. They will be contributing a variety of live shots and packages to 'You & Me' which airs weekday mornings from 6 – 8 AM.

"We are beyond excited to welcome Ashley and Rodney to the 'You & Me' family. They both bring experience, energy and their great personalities to the show and we can't wait for our loyal viewers to welcome them into their homes each and every morning," said Rob Morhaim, Senior Executive Producer.

Ashley grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood and attended Saint Ignatius College Prep and Loyola University. She previously interned with 'You & Me' and has been associated with WVON Radio. She also worked in social media for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Salvation Army. Ashley most recently worked in television in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Rodney went to California State University-Northridge and previously worked for television shows including 'Extra' and multiple national networks as well as television stations in Louisville, Kentucky and Miami, Florida. He was also on the nationally syndicated show 'The List.'

We welcome them home as Ashley and Rodney are both Chicago natives.

The U can be found on 26.1, XFINITY HD 183, RCN 6, RCN HD 606, WOW 6, WOW HD 207, AT&T U-verse 10, AT&T U-verse HD 1010, DIRECTV HD 26 and Dish Network 26.

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