From: Joe Abouzeid
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Subject: Loni Blandford Announcement

After more than four and a half years as news director at WDTN, Loni Blandford is moving into a new role within Nexstar Nation. Loni will be a senior corporate recruiter for the company. She'll work to identify and track candidates for a variety of roles across Nexstar's 110 news markets.

Loni joined WDTN in June of 2017. During her time here as news director, we launched 2 NEWS First at Four, and 2 NEWS Today on Saturdays and Sundays. Loni helped guide the team through several major events including the Memorial Day tornadoes, the Oregon District shooting, and the pandemic. Loni's steady leadership was also instrumental in the successful launch of our new set, which took a lot of work from the entire team.

The move marks Loni's second promotion within Nexstar. She came to WDTN from the then owned Nexstar station in Indianapolis. Over the course of her career Loni has worked in newsrooms in Greenville, North Carolina; Nashville, Las Vegas and Indianapolis.

The search is already underway for our next great news director. We should know soon when Loni's last day will be.

Please join me in congratulating Loni on her new role.

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