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A little more than nine years ago, Stacie and I decided to take a leap of faith. At a time that had many questioning the very viability of New Orleans, we decided to make this city our home. That move was made possible by Joel and by a company that was -- and is -- a true leader in broadcasting. That decision has paid off in ways that are difficult to describe, and with experiences that are unique and that will stay with us forever.

Last year, around the holidays, Stacie and I decided that the time was right to take another leap of faith and to begin a new chapter in our lives. We are ready to turn that page, and I will be stepping aside as news director at WDSU. We are still in the process of plotting the course ahead, but now is the right time to say goodbye -- at least, as your colleague.

Akili will keep things moving forward during this period of transition. As for me, I will forever be rooting for you and for this great community that WDSU serves. I will be taking Friday off to celebrate my youngest son's birthday with our family and will be on vacation the following week. I'll be in the office (for just a bit) to wrap things up when I return. I hope to say this to each of you in person, but rather than risk missing someone: Thank you for all that you have done and all that you will continue to do. I encourage you to remain Live, Local and Late Breaking, and know that - at the risk of mixing brands - I will always be On Your Side.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Stacey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jonathan