

RYLAN CRUM

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PROFILE

Sports journalism student at Ball State University, with 2+ years of reporting experience covering collegiate and high school athletics. Currently serving as beat reporter and associate sports editor for Ball State's Daily News with a track record of delivering timely game recaps, feature stories and athlete interviews across multiple media formats.

EDUCATION

Ball State University | Muncie, IN | Expected Graduation: 2027
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Sports)

Westfield Washington Schools | Westfield, IN | Graduated 2023

EXPERIENCE

Communications Intern | U.S. Legend Cars International/INEX Racing Series | Harrisburg, NC

- Manage social media for the series, along with posting schedule updates on the website
- Write feature stories on different drivers
- Conduct interviews for our "In the Pits" series on the website
- Write race recaps for races
- Interview and interact with drivers for content
- Travel to different events, learning how to work on the fly at the race track

Beat Reporter, Writer, & Associate Editor | *Daily News Newspaper, Ball State University* | January 2025 – Present

- Cover women's volleyball and softball as primary beat reporter; secondary coverage of men's basketball and feature stories
- Report on diverse sports, including high school athletics, swimming and diving, football, track and basketball across the county

- Conduct in-person and remote interviews, translating quotes into compelling news stories on weekly or daily deadlines

Show Host | *WCRD Radio Station, Ball State University* | November 2024 – Present

- Co-creator and co-host of *The Melting Pot Radio*, a weekly music and pop culture show
- Operate independently with minimal supervision, demonstrating creativity and efficiency in show production

Writer | *Ball Bearings Magazine, Ball State University* | August 2024 – January 2025

- Produced articles on social issues, politics and sports for campus magazine
- Researched topics and coordinated interviews via email to gather diverse perspectives
- Met editorial deadlines for outlines and final drafts

Sports Reporter (Remote Intern) | *Indiana Wesleyan Athletics* | August 2023 – December 2023

- Wrote 2-3 game recaps weekly for volleyball, tennis, swimming and cross country teams
- Delivered articles within 2-3 hours of event completion, meeting tight deadlines

Sports Reporter | *NewsLink Indiana, Ball State University* | August 2023 – November 2023

- Covered Muncie area and Ball State sports, including athlete interviews and post-game articles
- Set up camera and microphone equipment for interviews

Banquet Staff | *Bridgewater Country Club, Carmel, IN* | 2020 – Present

- Provide event setup, service and cleanup for banquets and dinners
- Demonstrate reliability by picking up shifts when short-staffed and maintaining clear communication with management

Volunteer Basketball Coach | *Student Impact, Westfield, IN* | 2019 – 2023

- Head coach for 7th-10th grade boys basketball teams, managing rosters and player/parent communication
- Led teams to three championships in four years while mentoring young athletes

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Reporter/Writer for Rock TV, high school news station (2021-2023)
- Attended LIV Golf Indianapolis Media Day (2025)
- Attended Colts Training Camp (2023); created a segment on the upcoming season and met NFL Network's Ian Rapoport
- Attended Colts Breaking Barriers Combine (2023); participated in media panels and networking with industry professionals

SKILLS

- Sports Journalism & Article Writing
- On-Camera Presence & Interviewing
- News Writing & Feature Storytelling

- Deadline-Driven Reporting
- Extensive Sports Knowledge (teams, players, strategy)