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Objective

Aspiring sports journalist with hands-on experience in credentialed reporting, interviewing high-profile figures, and producing multimedia content. Passionate about using journalism to amplify voices in the disabled community while delivering high-quality sports coverage.

Education

University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Broadcast, Concentration in Sports)

Expected Graduation: Fall 2026 | **GPA:** 3.7

- President's Honor Roll: Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2025
- Dean's List: Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Henry Viscardi High School – Albertson, NY

High School Diploma – June 2021 (Class Salutatorian, NHS Member, Student Government)

GPA: 4.0

Professional Experience

Orlando Magic Roundtable Online Writer & Contributor | Sept 2025 – Present

- Credentialed contributor delivering analysis and coverage on the Orlando Magic.

CBS Sports Knights 247 Recruiting Analyst & On-Site Beat Reporter | July 2025 – Present

- Break exclusive recruiting stories and insider news on UCF football.
- Manage one of the most active UCF message board threads, engaging with fans and insiders.
- Credentialed reporter at major events, including Big 12 Media Days.

Sons of UCF – Credentialed Internship (Oct 2023 – Present) | Orlando, FL

- Conducted exclusive interviews with industry figures, including the Big Noon Fox Kickoff Crew and BIG 12 Commissioner Brett Yormark.
 - Recognized by Colorado Head Coach Deion Sanders in a postgame interview, with the clip receiving over 1M views online.
 - Credentialed reporter for NBA games, College Bowl Games (Hula Bowl, Cure Bowl), and UCF Athletics (Football, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer).
 - Provided real-time Twitter updates, post-game reports, and multimedia coverage.
 - Developed professional connections with sports anchors, reporters, and analysts.
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- **Orlando Magic – Sports Illustrated Online Contributor & Beat Reporter | May 2025 – Sept 2025**

- Produced over 300 articles with 300,000+ page views covering the Orlando Magic.
- Covered the Big 3 Championship on-site, delivering in-depth game analysis and player interviews.

Sidelines Sports Network – Credentialed Internship (Aug 2023 – March 2025) | Orlando, FL

- Managed a Twitter account with 15,000+ followers, providing live updates on UCF athletics.
- Published in-depth articles on UCF sports, player profiles, and game analysis.
- Created professional on-camera analysis videos and developed social media content.

Gamma Gamma Chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. (Nov 2023 – Present) | Orlando, FL

Executive Vice President (Fall 2024 – Fall 2025)

Cure SMA – National Adult Advisory Council Member (Jan 2025 – Present)

- Provides guidance on support programs, patient care, advocacy, accessibility, and research for individuals with SMA.
- Actively participates in Cure SMA events, surveys, and community outreach.

Ex-Officio Officer – UCF Student Disability Caucus (Fall 2024 – Present)

- Advocates for accessibility improvements on campus.
- Engages in bi-weekly meetings and community events.

Featured Appearances & Connections

- Featured on The New York Times, The Athletic, and Fox Big Noon Kickoff for connection with Deion Sanders.
 - Established professional network including Tom Rinaldi, Bruce Feldman, Andy Staples, Pete Nakos, Tom Loy, Deion Sanders, Robert Griffin III, Leger Douzable and Rob Stone.
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Volunteer Experience

- **Cure SMA Conference Panelist Speaker** (June 2024) – Spoke to 3,000+ attendees about transitioning into adulthood with SMA.
 - **UCF Board of Trustees Panelist** (June 2024) – Represented student voices in discussions on academic excellence and student success.
 - **UCF Multicultural Center Volunteer** – Assisted with first-generation graduation and Latino Heritage events.
 - **Disability Ambassador (Albany, NY)** – Advocated for school funding for disabled students at the New York State Capitol.
 - **Marty Lyons Foundation Representative** (2019 – Present) – Raised awareness and shared personal experiences at fundraising events.
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Skills

- **Journalism & Writing:** AP Style, Breaking News, Feature Writing, Sports Statistics Analysis
- **Multimedia & Content Creation:** On-Camera Presentation, Video Editing, Social Media Reporting
- **Public Speaking & Advocacy:** Panel Speaking, Event Coordination, Interviewing High-Profile Figures
- **Technical Proficiency:** Professional Camera Operation, Audio Equipment, Clip Editing & Production

