

# Andy Kostka

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## Work Experience

- **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Intern | June 2020 – August 2020**  
Joining as a sports intern, although I may assist in other departments.
- **USA TODAY/Golfweek Intern | June 2019 – August 2019**  
Covered sports for a national audience, including the entire Citi Open tennis tournament in Washington, D.C., and The Northern Trust golf tournament in Jersey City. Experience writing on deadline and pitching story ideas.
- **Sports Editor for The Diamondback | July 2018 – March 2020**  
Senior staff writer and beat reporter for Maryland football and men's basketball with the independent student newspaper. Directed a staff of roughly 10 writers, providing in-depth edits and advice to prepare the next group of sports writers. Previously served as staff writer, beginning December 2016, covering volleyball and baseball.
- **Sports Intern for The Washington Times | June 2018 – August 2018**  
Experience on a deadline covering major D.C.-area sports, such as the Washington Nationals, Washington Redskins and D.C. United.
- **Freelance for Washington Post, Washington City Paper | December 2019 – Present**  
One story each, covering a high school football game for The Post and writing an e-sports enterprise piece for the City Paper.
- **PressBox Intern | May 2017 – August 2017**  
Covered general assignments, including a Towson and Morgan State joint press conference and Baltimore Ravens training camp. Experience as a copy editor.
- **SB Nation writer | September 2016 – September 2017**  
Wrote for two SB Nation sites: Brace The Hammer and Testudo Times.
- **Freelance reporter for The Montgomery County Sentinel | November 2015 – March 2016**  
Covered Montgomery County High School sports, primarily basketball. Gained valuable experience working on tight postgame deadlines.

## Honors

- **Seventh-place finish in 2019 Hearst Sports Writing Award; Eleventh in 2020**  
2019 award for: "Despite mounting evidence, top boosters stand by Maryland football's DJ Durkin."
- **Four SPJ Region Two awards**  
Earned in 2019 and 2020 for in-depth reporting, online sports reporting and sports writing.
- **Two-time John McNamara Sports Writing Award recipient**  
Inaugural winner selected by the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at Maryland in 2019, followed up in 2020.
- **2019 All-Star Student Award**  
Awarded through the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism at the University of Maryland.
- **Eagle Scout**  
Interviewed 10 veterans for the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

## Skills

- Experience with WordPress, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere, Audition and basic HTML.
- Accomplished using Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, among other social media platforms.

## Education

- **University of Maryland, College Park** – Multiplatform journalism degree and Innovation and Entrepreneurship minor.
- Graduated in May 2020 with a 3.775 GPA.