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### *Education*

The University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Communications and Political Science, 2018-Present

### *Previous Employment*

#### [The Pitt News](#), Pittsburgh PA

Sports Staff Writer, September 2018-April 2019; Assistant Sports Editor, April 2019-Present; Head Sports Editor, May-August 2020 and August 2021-Present

- Wrote about a variety of national and local topics including college basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, soccer, gymnastics and softball in addition to the NBA, MLB and NFL for the University of Pittsburgh's independent student-written and student-managed newspaper. Conceived of and executed new article and column topics plus multimedia projects.
- Took over beat coverage of the University of Pittsburgh's Men's basketball team while still in my first months of work. I remain on that beat today.
- Promoted to the position of assistant sports editor while still in my first year of writing. Managed, hired and edited a staff of about 15 writers, contributed to daily editorial columns, prepared weekly budgets for daily production of The Pitt News sports section.
- Assumed the position of sole sports editor during the summer of 2020. Kept up regular weekly production of the sports desk and reported relevant breaking news which had moved wholly online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Made appearances on various episodes of sports talk radio shows and podcasts representing the Pitt News.
- Winner of a first prize for Sports Commentary in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's 2020 Golden Circle Contest. Received an honorable mention for both Best Sports Game Story of 2019 by the Associated Collegiate Press and Feature Story in the 2020 Keystone Student Media Awards.

#### [Pittsburgh Sports Now](#), Pittsburgh PA

Intern, January 2021-Present

- Covered mostly amateur (high school, collegiate) as well as some minor league and major league baseball in Western Pennsylvania with weekly features and news stories on important

regional players, coaches and figures of the sport. This included local college players, Olympians, former professionals and top local high school prospects.

- Covered events both live and remotely.

Sachuest Beach, Middletown RI

Beach Crew, June 2018-August 2018

- Maintained beach facilities, managed parking, handled transactions with patrons and assisted with brainstorming and executing new, more efficient initiatives and procedures at Second Beach, which is one of the local government's largest sources of revenue. Was often trusted to fill in as a supervisor when short-staffed.

Homerun Baseball Camp, Washington DC

Camp Counselor, June 2016-August 2018

- Led a group of roughly 10-12 kids, ranging in age from four to six years old, for an eight-hour day at a baseball summer camp. Organized activities that kept kids engaged and helped them learn the fundamentals of baseball.

### *Professional Training*

New England Sports Network (NESN) Grand Slam Externship Program, Summer 2020

- Professional training program guided by NESN staff. The program offered résumé, cover letter and interview guidance, as well as insight into the daily operations of NESN's studios and digital production.

### *Interests and Hobbies*

- Played varsity baseball, basketball, and football in high school. Was a captain on the baseball team my senior year. I still enjoy playing pick-up basketball today.
- Volunteer at the ONE Campaign, an anti-poverty non-profit and Habitat for Humanity.
- Initiated brother of the Kappa Psi chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Pittsburgh.

### *Skills*

- Effective communicator, able to explain tasks clearly and delegate plus approach and interact with superiors in an effective manner.
- Fast learner, can digest and execute different tasks with efficiency and quality. Asks the necessary questions to do work completely.
- Strong writer, with good instincts for professional, journalistic, and essay writing.
- Works well in both team and individual settings.

- Fluent with WordPress, Google and Outlook application software, as well as several social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram.

*References and writing samples available upon request.*