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Versatile Multimedia Sports Journalist: Adept Communicator and Storyteller

EDUCATION

University of Rhode Island Harrington School of Communication and Media - Class of 2024 Bachelor of Sports Media and Communication, Bachelor of Journalism, Minor in Communications **Dean's List Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023 Semesters**

JOURNALISM WORK:

New England Football Journal Staff Writer September 2024 - November 2024

- Covered high school and college football in Massachusetts
- Kept fans engaged with live game updates on X
- Conducted postgame interviews with players and coaches
- Met tight same night deadlines following games

Hometown Weekly December 2024 - present

- Cover a multitude of different high school sports across six towns in Greater Boston area
- Capture photos and write captions for the newspaper
- Cater the article to the town's perspective
- Interview coaches and players of town that is being reported on
- Administrate X(Twitter) account (over 2.500 followers @HometownWeekly)

Pro Sports Fan Intern January 2024 - May 2024

- Responsible for writing two sports articles a week, usually focused on the NFL AFC East Division
 - Viewership of the website increased by 20% throughout my internship
- Running separate weekly 30-minute talk shows on the Boston Celtics and Arizona Wildcats men's basketball team on the Pro Sports Fans mobile app
 - Viewership of my Celtics show had a 35% increase over the course of my internship
- Engaging with fans and striking sports conversation daily on the mobile app

PaulTalksPatriots Podcast on YouTube January 2024 - present

This podcast shows my true passion for sports reporting and sports entertainment. I focus on delivering relevant news from valid sources while also engagingly presenting the information. I have tried various editing techniques and created graphics for the show. While my viewership is slowly growing, I am creating new ways to improve my show on a week-to-week basis. My journalism skills have been put to use through interviewing guests for the show, along with researching information to back up my arguments.

Sports Journalist for The Good Five Cent Cigar Newspaper January 2023- May 2023

- University of Rhode Island's student-run newspaper
- Contributed weekly articles
- Made personal connections with both athletes and coaches
- Covered various sports from baseball to pickleball

SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Cloud Software (Premiere, Express, Photoshop, InDesign)
- Proficient in both on-camera and behind-the-scenes roles within broadcast studios, proficient at producing compelling news packages

Skilled in interpersonal communication, fostering effective connections and relationships

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

Fenway Park Security August 2024 - present

- Maintain safety of patrons during games and major events
- Work at various entrances of ballpark in offseason/non-game days

Sigma Chi Fraternity Head Steward September 2022 - May 2023

- Managed all the kitchen duties including cleaning the dining area on a nightly basis
- Assigned daily kitchen tasks to all residents of the house

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Seasonal Highway Laborer: June - August 2022/2023

- Reported to the highway foreman
- Completed all assigned tasks on time
- Collaborated with other team members in planning upcoming tasks
- Was always available for any emergency situations

West on Centre Restaurant Bouncer/Barback June 2023 - August 2023

- Ensured the safety of all customers and staff present as a bouncer
- Checked identification of customers to verify they were legally allowed to drink
- Replenished the bar with drinks as they were running out
- Maintained cleanliness of the bar area
- Face-to-face interactions with customers

URI Gym Attendant August 2021- December 2021

- Managed the front desk efficiently with no customer complaints
- Multi tasked between the front desk and maintaining the cleanliness of the workout areas
- Ensured all patrons were following safety guidelines of the weight room

Conrad's Restaurant of Walpole Busboy/Delivery Driver February 2019- August 2020

- In charge of keeping the restaurant clean at all times
- Assisting coworkers in the completion of their tasks
- Delivered food as a driver efficiently, never leaving a customer dissatisfied with the waiting time

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Walpole Recreation Department May 2016- September 2016

- Summer Camp Counselor
- Assisted in running youth sports programs

Youth Football Coach July 2017- August 2019

As an assistant coach of a Walpole Youth Football Team, I proactively communicated with the coaching staff on how to sufficiently run the team. I was also allowed to create drills for players during practice. My drills were praised by the head coach who saw vast improvement in the players.