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**Summary**

* Aspiring sportswriter seeking to cover sports on either the high school, college or professional level in the Tri-State Area
* Proficient journalist skilled in writing, photo-taking, conducting interviews and shooting video
* Helpful, quick, passionate and always willing to go the extra mile, wherever needed, to make sure people get the best sports coverage they deserve
* Efficient in mathematics and general math skills, excelling in algebra and math computation

**Education**

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications/Journalism**, May 2017

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.884

**Relevant Experience**

**Freelance Sports Reporter**, May 2015-Present

TAPinto Clark, Clark, NJ

* Travel to several places across New Jersey to provide quality coverage
* Compose widespread coverage of playoff games
* Use a digital camera for *Senior Night* games to take pictures
* Write feature stories of student-athletes who achieve milestones
* Pitch story ideas that are deemed appealing for the public
* Generate news reports for the TAPinto Clark website
* Excelled in coverage of Johnson Softball Union County Tournament, Conference and State Championships, Spring 2016
* Awarded a contract at the end of internship

**Freelance Sports Writer**, October 2018-Present

New Jersey Advance Media, Iselin, NJ

* Cover sports games
* Update the duration of a game for Twitter, allowing the public to follow along, bringing action to those on social media
* Reach out to school communities to bring up-to-the-minute coverage
* Connect with coaches/athletic directors to gather information for upcoming games
* Create content for specific sports, mostly game stories with deadline writing

**Intern**, January 2015-May 2015

TAPinto Clark, Clark, NJ

* Participated in weekly meetings with advisors to discuss schedules for coverage
* Organized schedule and plans of what to achieve in the duration of the internship
* Checked in to conference calls online with the sports editor
* Traveled to other schools to provide online coverage for the online readers

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**Contributor / Sports Writer**, 2015-2017

The Montclarion, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

* Submitted seven pieces to the paper for the 2015-16 year, mostly feature stories on student-athletes; 11 pieces published overall
* Pitched ideas to the sports editor, developed a list of questions, contacted and interviewed key people for story content

**Contributor / Sports Writer**, 2013-2014

The Scroll, Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey

* Covered a basketball game, baseball doubleheader for the paper
* Contributed several news pieces for the paper

**Contributor / Sports Writer**, 2010-2013

The New Crusader, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, New Jersey

* Attended weekly meetings
* Negotiated with advisor from the meetings and pursued the stories
* Wrote up angles of stories, conducted interviews, took part in layout of weekly paper

**Other Experience**

**Varsity Football Manager/Statistician**, August 2012-November 2012

Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, New Jersey

* Recorded every play on offense for the football team
* Recorded number of yards gained/lost, every down, turnover, touchdown, field goals, extra points
* Wrote out each play called from the coaches and the play formations; had to keep track of team timeouts
* Calculated the totals after every game and submitted them to the head coach
* Included the amount of carries, yards gained on the running game, touchdowns
* Labeled each new play sheet for a new drive

**Boys Varsity Basketball Manager**, December 2012-February 2013

* Accurately recorded all the points on offense for each player in the scorebook
* Obtained signature from referees to confirm the roster total during the pregame warmups
* Kept track of each player on the opposing team for team to focus on
* Recorded every foul for players, needed to match the referee calls throughout the entire game
* Created Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets for every player at the end of the season

**Varsity Softball Manager**, March 2013-June 2013

* Recorded every pitch of every at-bat, stored all statistics in iPad, using GameChanger program
* Created an online account for email to receive the alerts of every game
* Recorded every hit, out, home run, walks, movement on the bases
* Used pencil for the manual scorebook whenever the iPad was unavailable for access for the games
* Assisted coaches by providing stats from previous games to help prepare for future games

**References**

Tara George, Associate Professor of Journalism at Montclair State University

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