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Education

University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, May 2025

Bachelor of Arts in Communication – Honors, Summa Cum Laude

Major: Cinema Minor: Digital Media and Journalism

West Springfield High School, West Springfield, MA, Graduated June 2021

National Honors Society Member

Experience

Special Olympics Connecticut, Field & Studio Film Crew/Editor

Created a documentary: *SPORT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING: Stories of Special Olympics Connecticut*, based on the 2024 Winter Games.

Work included:

- Script writing.
- TV Studio pre-interviews: camera work, lighting, sound.
- Game day filming: location scouting, camera work, sound, interviews, action filming.
- Editing: video, sound, graphics.

TTHL Productions, Freelance Actor

November 2023

- Wrote and exercised fight-choreography.
- Set up lighting and camera equipment.

Agawam's Java Stop, Barista

July 2021-May 2025

- Opening and closing the store to get ready for the day/the following day.
- Clean and provide maintenance to the store.
- Operate different food and beverage machines and fix them when needed.

Dunkin' Donuts, Shift Leader

June 2020-July 2021

- Trained new employees and instructed them on the day-to-day duties of the job.
- Supervised and managed the store and its employees when the store manager was absent.
- Organized inventory and managed sales.

West Springfield Parks and Recreation, Camp Counselor

June 2019-August 2019

- Supervised and provided entertainment to small children for each weekday.
- Became certified in CPR and First Aid.
- Learned how to work in a spontaneous setting.
- Worked closely with my superiors to provide transparency as a day-to-day counselor.

Skills

- **Adobe**
 - Premiere
 - Photoshop
 - Audition
 - After Effects
- **DaVinci Resolve**
- **Logic Pro**
- **Microsoft Office**
- **Sony A7siii**
- **Black Magic Cameras**
- **Panasonic UX90**
- **Lumix DSLR**
- **Canon DSLR**
- **DJI RS4 Gimbal**

Awards: Overall Outstanding Student: School of Communication (2025) Robert and Gladys Dunn Study Abroad Scholarship (2024), UHart Regents Scholarship (2021-2025), UHart President's List (2021-2025), Abigail Adams Scholarship (2021), National Honors Society Membership (2019-2021), High School Student of the Year [History, Italian, Acting] (2018-2021), National Juniors Honors Society Membership (2017).

Extracurriculars: UHart Student News Network Camera Operator (2023-2024), Intramural Softball (2022-2023), UHart Dramatis Personae (2021-2024), Rachel's Table Member [Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts] (2020-2021), Drama Club Treasurer (2017-2018).