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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

Stonegate Studios, Media Producer/Lead Editor/Camera Operator

January 2025-Present

- Oversee all editing duties for “The Food Explorer” TV show on WWLP, The CW, and WTNH.
- Create short form vertical social media content and for Big Y and other companies.
- Schedule and organize productions for “The Food Explorer” with domestic and international restaurants and businesses.
- Build graphics and edit for different podcasts including the ERC5 Chamber of Commerce and Business West.
- Use shoulder mounts and gimbal stabilizers as a camera operator for TV and commercial shoots.

Singing Bridge Pictures, Gaffer/Grip

November 2025

- Set up and coordinated lighting equipment for the short film, “Zom Jong.”
- Rigged various machines for the special effects department.

Jeffrey Byrnes Photography, Editor/Production Assistant Internship

June 2024-August 2024

- Created video packages for real estate agents showcasing different properties in Massachusetts.
- Worked as a camera operator and photographer on different video/photoshoots across the country.
- Helped with gaffing and set-up for narrative productions and fashion shoots.

Special Olympics Connecticut, Field & Studio Film Crew/Editor

January 2024-May 2024

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

- Opened and closed the store to get ready for the day/the following day.
- Cleaned and provide maintenance to the store.
- Operated different food and beverage machines and fixed 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.

Skills

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

Awards: 5x Silver Telly Award Winner (2026) 3x Bronze Telly Award Winner (2026) 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).