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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, The David C. Frederick Honors College
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences & College of Business Administration Dual Major Program
Majors: Film & Media Studies and Business, Honors Degree; Italian Minor

April 2023
3.96/4.0 GPA
Summa Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

House507 Productions | *"The Scream" - Production Coordinator* **New York, NY** | July 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Provided meals for a 25-person crew for a 3-day shoot, built out script sides and distributed call sheets
- Location scouted feasible and thematically-aligned hotel rooms for the production of an independent short film about a hard-at-work mother's journey to reconnect with her distant children

Warner Bros Discovery | *HBO Documentary Films Intern* **New York, NY** | June 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Screened and wrote script coverages for pitches sent to the HBO Documentary Films Executive team
- Actively participated in strategy rollout meetings with Media Relations, Program Marketing and Creative Services teams
- Developed and maintained the HBO team's filmmakers, awards and agents databases in FileMaker Pro & Airtable
- Constructed 4 tracking grids of film festival award winners nationally for competitors' slates in one-sheet format

Pittsburgh Creative Industry Training Initiative | *Programming Intern* **Pittsburgh, PA** | Jan. 2022 – May 2022

- Designed program for a \$200,000 Mellon Foundation-funded initiative to diversify film & TV crews in Pittsburgh
- Trained 100+ high school and college students from underprivileged areas for a potential career in the film industry
- Wrote script coverages for two upcoming short film productions completed in the summer of 2022

HBO | *"Succession" Season 3 - Set Production Assistant* **New York, NY** | May 2021 – May 2021

- Managed lockups of public areas to ensure the safety of pedestrians during filming
- Distributed communication equipment to facilitate fast-paced environment for 14 production assistants

NBCUniversal | *"The Blacklist" Season 8 - Set Production Assistant* **New York, NY** | May 2021 – May 2021

- Transported film to editing studio for export of footage from each shoot day
- Oversaw and managed lockups of public areas to ensure the safety of pedestrians for each scene

NBCUniversal | *Campus Marketing Representative* **Pittsburgh, PA** | Jan. 2021 – May 2021

- Designed and carried out monthly data-driven social media campaigns for Universal Pictures' feature films on Twitter
- Connected closely with 4 on-campus clubs for student-run press to optimize publicity and engagement

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Pitt Tonight Late-Night Talk Show | *Executive Producer* **Pittsburgh, PA** | Aug. 2021 – April 2023

- Led Pitt's *College Emmy*-nominated one-and-only late night talk show with a 50-person crew
- Programmed monthly show schedule and approved the show segments and field pieces for the production, writing, marketing and talent departments
- Oversaw taping of sold-out episodes in front of a live 120 to 130-person studio audience on-campus and 2,000+ subscribers on YouTube

'Pitt in Hollywood' Undergraduate Research | *Podcaster & Programmer* **Los Angeles, CA** | June 2022 – Oct. 2022

- Provided with a \$4,000 research grant to develop my own podcast series of interviews with LA-based Pitt alumni
- Served as the Honors College and Career Center Ambassador for students looking to pursue a career in Hollywood
- The podcast is available on Spotify & Apple Podcasts; public-facing to all Pitt students

SKILLS, AWARDS, INTERESTS

Skills: MS Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook), Adobe Creative Cloud (Premiere Pro, Photoshop), Zoom/MS Teams, Audacity, DropBox, Google Suite, Administrative Duties, Call Scheduling, Secret Compass COVID-19 Production Safety Trained
Awards: 2021 Honors College Research Award, ACC Leadership Symposium Recipient, Dean's List, Omicron Delta Kappa Member
Interests: Sketch Comedy, Street Photography, Movies & Television, Ping Pong, Rock & Roll Music