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HONOURS AND AWARDS

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE SUMMER HONOURS PROGRAM (2021)

- ♦ Attended a selective constitutional law seminar, taught by Professor John Yoo, a former Department of Justice official
- ♦ Discussed and debated the different interpretations of the U.S. Constitution

INDIANA REPRESENTATIVE, AL NEUHARTH FREE SPIRIT AND JOURNALISM CONFERENCE (2019)

- ♦ Selected as Indiana's sole representative to the prestigious journalism conference, held at the Newseum Institute in Washington DC annually

FRANK MEEK MEMORIAL AWARD (2020)

- ♦ Awarded to a Park Tudor School student who displays the highest degree of loyalty to the Park Tudor School community
- ♦ Selected by a faculty committee for the school's most prestigious award

EAGLE SCOUT (2020)

- ♦ Completed a service project, collecting over \$12,500 worth of new and gently used soccer equipment for underserved students in Uganda
- ♦ Attained the highest achievement and rank in the Boy Scouts of America program

VOLUNTEER WORK

COMPETITIVE ROBOTICS

2015-PRESENT, Tournament Director and General Volunteer
2020-PRESENT, Mentorship Team

TUTORING

2019-PRESENT, Computer Science and Writing Tutor

SKILLS

PROFICIENT: Adobe InDesign, Adobe PremierePro, Adobe Audition, Adobe Photoshop, spreadsheet applications, and multiple coding languages.

EDUCATION

INDIANA UNIVERSITY – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

GRADUATION: MAY 2024
(EXPECTED)

STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, AND JOURNALISM

- ♦ Accepted into the Ernie Pyle Scholars program, a prestigious journalism honors cohort
- ♦ Studying in the Hutton Honors College, pursuing the Honors Notation

PARK TUDOR SCHOOL – INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MAY 2020

- ♦ Pursued an academic track of high-level courses (5 AP Classes, 9 AP Tests by graduation)
- ♦ Completed nearly all course options in history, economics, politics, and communications

COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING, & JOURNALISM

INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS INTERN, NISKANEN CENTER

SUMMER 2022

START DATE: EARLY JUNE 2022

- ♦ Hired to work with one of the nation's largest think tanks, writing blog posts, evaluating social media copy and trends, organizing media hits, and drafting press releases

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT — INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

2020-2022

MANAGING EDITOR (SPRING 2022), DESK EDITOR (NEWS DESK: FALL 2021)

- ♦ Managed staff of 15+ editors and 75+ reporters across ten desks
- ♦ Coordinated the creation of an internal sourcing database to increase campus engagement
- ♦ Reported (CITY GOV. & POLITICS: SPRING 2021; STUDENT GOV.: FALL 2020)
- ♦ Authored dozens of articles about city government and its relation to the university
- ♦ Covered Bloomington's government bodies including the Mayor's office and City Council
- ♦ Sourced stories with community, faith, campus, political, and government leaders

PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SUMMER 2021

WORKED REMOTELY WITH THE WASHINGTON DC OFFICE

- ♦ Developed new guidance documents and crafted a new format for GAO's Instagram account, overseeing a transition that increased engagement and expanded the agency's brand
- ♦ Drafted and copy-edited dozens of social media posts for a mid-size federal agency
- ♦ Published multiple public-facing blog posts about GAO's work for the U.S. Congress
- ♦ Restructured and revamped a standards of practice document used by GAO mission teams

CONTRIBUTOR, NBC'S "MEET THE COLLEGE PRESS" ROUND TABLE

JULY 2020

- ♦ Served on a panel with other student journalists, moderated by NBC Political Director and "Meet the Press" anchor Chuck Todd (Youtube video received more than 75K views)
- ♦ Posed political questions to Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto regarding police reform and the city's COVID-19 response, analyzing his talking points in a segment following the interview

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTING INTERN, WFYI NEWS RADIO

SUMMER 2019

- ♦ Wrote and voiced dozens of news segments for Indiana's largest NPR affiliate
- ♦ Covered ten Presidential candidates, two city mayors, a mayoral candidate, city council, two members of Congress, a Congressional candidate, a county prosecutor, and local businesses
- ♦ Selected as the only high school reporting intern on a professional staff of reporters

LEADERSHIP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2020 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, PARK TUDOR ALUMNI BOARD

2019-PRESENT
(SERVING BOARD MEMBER: 2019-2020)

- ♦ Appointed to organize presentations to the Park Tudor School Alumni Association's Board, aiming to give school alumni a student's view on the progress of the school year
- ♦ Gave school tours and served on student panels during alumni and visitor events

MEMBER, REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS (IU CHAPTER)

2020-PRESENT

- ♦ Attended meetings to help plan events on campus to encourage press freedom
- ♦ Observed an on-campus vigil for journalists who lost their lives overseas