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### **EDUCATION**

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

STUDYING JOURNALISM, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS

(EXPECTED)

**GRADUATION: MAY 2024** 

- Accepted into the Ernie Pyle Scholars program, a prestigious journalism honors cohort
- Studying in the Hutton Honors College, pursuing the Honours 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, JOURNALISM, & MEDIA

# 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

# INDIANA DAILY STUDENT — INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER 2020-PRESENT EDITOR (NEWS DESK: FALL 2021)

- Coordinated the creation of an internal sourcing database to increase campus engagement
- ♦ Worked with other editors to establish training system for incoming, first-time reporters REPORTER (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

# 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

2019-PRESENT

MEMBER: 2019-2020)

2020-PRESENT

2020-PRESENT

(SERVING BOARD

- 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

# **VOLUNTEER WORK**COMPETITIVE ROBOTICS

America program

**AWARDS AND HONORS** 

Justice official

U.S. Constitution

DC annually

(2020)

INDIANA REPRESENTATIVE, AL NEUHARTH FREE SPIRIT AND

**JOURNALISM CONFERENCE (2019)** 

Selected as Indiana's sole

FRANK MEEK MEMORIAL AWARD

School community

award

**EAGLE SCOUT (2020)** 

representative to the prestigious

journalism conference, held at the

Newseum Institute in Washington

Awarded to a Park Tudor School

student who displays the highest

degree of loyalty to the Park Tudor

Selected by a faculty committee

for the school's most prestigious

Completed a service project,

collecting over \$12,500 worth

of new and gently used soccer

Attained the highest achievement

equipment for underserved students in Uganda

and rank in the Boy Scouts of

**AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE** 

**SUMMER HONOURS PROGRAM (2021)** 

Discussed and debated the different interpretations of the

Attended a selective constitutional

law seminar, taught by Professor

John Yoo, a former Department of

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

#### THIODING

2019-PRESENT, Computer Science and Writing Tutor

#### **SKILLS**

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

#### LEADERSHIP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

### 2020 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, PARK TUDOR ALUMNI BOARD

 Appointed to organize presentations to the Park Tudor School Alunmi 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

#### CHAIRPERSON, INDIANA UNIVERSITY JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

- Oversaw conduct hearings in accordance with IU's student rights policies
- Created and explained action plans to students after disciplinary hearings
- Submitted reports and documents to university representatives based on hearing results

## MEMBER. REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS (IU CHAPTER)

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