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AWARDS AND HONORS

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
- Awarded a \$1,000 collegiate scholarship for journalism/political science education

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD (2019)

- Awarded to a student of junior standing who demonstrates integrity, strong leadership, and academic strength (awarded by the GWU Alumni Association)

PARK TUDOR JOURNALISM AND PUBLICATIONS AWARD (2019)

- Awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence on Park Tudor's student publications
- Received award as a student of junior standing, becoming one of very few students in school history to hold the award as a Junior

COLLEGE BOARD AP SCHOLAR (2019)

- Awarded to students with three AP tests each with a score of three or higher

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

PARK TUDOR MENS SOCCER

2017-PRESENT
2018, All-Conference 1st Team
2019, Captain

PANTHER ROBOTICS

2013-PRESENT
2016-2018, Student President
2018-PRESENT, Technical Director
2018-PRESENT, Mentorship Team

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

2018-PRESENT, Press Corps
2018, Assistant 10th Grade Officer

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2017, Order of Arrow Inductee
2019, Eagle Scout

EDUCATION

INDIANA UNIVERSITY – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

GRADUATION: MAY 2024
(EXPECTED)

JOURNALISM AND POLITICAL SCIENCE DOUBLE MAJOR

- 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)

JOURNALISM & MEDIA

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTING INTERN, WFYI NEWS RADIO

SUMMER 2019

- Wrote and voiced 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 professional staff of reporters

THE TRIBUNE – STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF PARK TUDOR SCHOOL

(EDITOR-IN-CHIEF)
2018-PRESENT

- Relaunched Park Tudor's student newspaper after its decade-long hiatus
- Led a staff of 12 to create a newspaper dedicated to being a news source for students
- Currently adding a student-produced politics podcast into the newspaper's operations

THE ARTISAN – LITERATURE & ARTS MAGAZINE OF PARK TUDOR SCHOOL

(SENIOR EDITOR)
2018-PRESENT
(EDITORIAL BOARD)
2017-2018
(LAYOUT DESIGN)
2016-2017

- Helped produce three 100-page books featuring the best art and writing at Park Tudor
- Worked with layout team, leading to First Place recognition from the American Scholastic Press Association and the Highest Award by the National Council of Teachers of English
- Instituted a new judging platform using technology to increase integrity, beginning in 2018

INDEPENDENT STUDY – JOURNALISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

2018-2020

- Researched topics about journalism through the reading of reports published by professional research institutions, and interviewing professional journalists across the world (including NPR's Ari Shapiro and Scott Horsely, as well as CBS/NBC journalist Marvin Kalb)
- Worked, under the direction of a professional journalist and a faculty mentor, on a final project: a full-length, 150-page book about research findings

FOUNDER AND EDITOR, STUDENTS UNITED REPORTING NETWORK

2019-PRESENT

- Published professional-level podcasts on major platforms, covering issues important to students, including an award-winning investigative story into a college admissions scandal

STUDENT GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, & ADVOCACY

DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS, PT STUDENT COUNCIL

2019-PRESENT

- Serving in the appointed position on the 2019-2020 student council leadership team
- Handled communication between sports captains, club leaders, and student council
- Led a social marketing team, which managed a social media account followed by students

2020 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, PARK TUDOR ALUMNI BOARD

2019-PRESENT

- Appointed to organize presentations to the Park Tudor 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

CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES IN POLITICS (POLITICAL DEBATE SOCIETY)

2017-PRESENT

- Selected as one of three students to attend Senator Richard Lugar's "Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders," hosted at the University of Indianapolis (December 2018)
- Attended speeches and talks with leaders in important government posts, such as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Alex Azar