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Objective Seeking an opportunity to utilize my broadcast writing, producing and reporting skills.

Education Rider University – Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Bachelor of Arts; May 2008

**Majors:** Communication and Political Science; **Minor:** Political Communication

**Concentration:** Journalism/Television and Radio

Cumulative GPA of 3.6; *Dean's List* each semester

Georgetown University – Washington, D.C. 20057

*Institute on Political Journalism*; Summer 2007

Honors/Awards

- **Best Public Affairs Show for *On the Issues***; First Place in the Nation; *National Broadcasting Society 2008 Electronic Media Competition* (85 schools participate)
- **Best Public Affairs Show**; *National Broadcasting Society–2007 Top 3 National Finalist*
- **International Telly Award** for *The News at Rider* – Executive Producer/Reporter (2007)
- 2007 **Frank Shakespeare Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism**; *Institute on Political Journalism*
- Rider University Merit Award, (2004-07)
- Target Corporation Scholarship (2005)
- Lamda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society (3.5+ GPA); *Vice President*
- Alpha Lamda Delta Honor Society (3.5+ GPA); *Vice President*
- Rider University **Journalist of the Year** (2004-06)
- **Best Column of the Semester** in *The Rider News* (2004-2006)
- Rider University Network **Excellence in Broadcast Journalism Award (2007-2008)**
- Rider University **President's Award (2008)**; given to one graduating male and female

Experience

- **WABC Channel 7** – Internship; New York, NY (Summer 2006)
  - Assisted reporters/crews in the field, wrote stories for packages and re-wrote wire stories, practiced stand-ups, set up interviews and pitched stories
- **ABC News: *World News Tonight*** – Internship; New York, NY (Spring 2007)
  - Logged/sent feeds, transcribed interviews, picked specific sound bites used for packages, edited with producers, wrote for ABCNews.com, shadowed reporters
- **CNN *White House Unit*** – Internship; Washington, D.C. (Summer 2007)
  - Set-up interviews, pitched and researched stories, transcribed interviews, picked sound bites for packages, assisted with editing, covered White House events, contributed content for scripts (chosen as only intern from over 250 applicants)
- **Host and produce** a public affairs talk show entitled, ***On the Issues*** for Comcast public access T.V. across Central New Jersey & Bucks County, Pennsylvania
- **Reporter/Producer** for *The News at Rider*
  - **Notable broadcast interviews include:**
    - \* President Bill Clinton
    - \* Gen. Wesley Clark
    - \* Sen. John McCain
    - \* Gov. George Pataki
    - \* Miss America '06
    - \* Former Vice President Al Gore
    - \* John Kerry; '04 Presidential Nominee
    - \* Former U.N. Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter
    - \* Star of RENT Anthony Rapp
    - \* Grammy-Nominated Singer Jason Mraz
- Writer; *The Rider News*; **Best College Newspaper in New Jersey 06-07**; *NJ Press Assoc.*
- Wrote/produced a documentary on war veterans entitled *Honoring True Patriots*
- *United Nations Student Journalism Program* (covered meetings at the U.N.)

Employment

Communication Department Television Studio, Lawrenceville, NJ

2005-Present; Assistant Television Studio Technology Coordinator

- Oversee studio operations, edit/shoot video and maintain equipment

Warrington Township Technology Consultant; Warrington, PA (2007-present)

- Produce video content for the public access channel
- Re-designed broadcasting facilities by ordering and installing new equipment

Activities/Service

- President; *Rider University Network* (campus television station)
  - Created and maintained the first network web site with video
  - Raised amounts of shows from 25 per year to 85
- President; *National Broadcasting Society* (Rider Chapter)
- Senator & Staff Aid ('04-'06); *Student Government Association*
- Rider University *Leadership Development Program* Member

Technical

Shooting and editing video on Final Cut Pro, producing web-based video content, working with iNews, Pathfire, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign

References

Marilu Galvez, Assignment Editor – WABC-TV; Shawna Shepherd, Producer – CNN White House Unit; Andrew Morse, Executive Producer – ABC's *Good Morning America*; Professor Shawn Kildea – Rider University; Dr. Mordechai Rozanski, President – Rider University

Examples of work

Visit [www.nickballasy.com](http://www.nickballasy.com) for examples of news packages and full shows