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## **EDUCATION**

### **Villanova University**

August 2021 – May 2025

*Bachelor of Arts in Communication Film & Media Production and Spanish Studies - Minors in Peace & Justice, Latin American Studies*

- Relevant Coursework: Screenwriting, Advanced Film and Video Production, Social Justice Documentary, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Communication Studies, Documentary Theories and Practice, Search for Self in American Film, Communication Capstone Thesis on “A Pre- and Post-2020 Analysis of Diversity in TV”

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Acquisition and Outreach Intern**

January 2025 –

*Women Make Movies – Remote*

- Working with the Outreach Manager and Marketing Manager to identify key audiences for films and collecting contact information
- Working with the acquisitions team to screen incoming submissions and write screening reports on those films
- Search through festival/exhibition programs for new films to be distributed and manage incoming submissions in the acquisition database

### **Student International Documentary Producer**

August 2024 –

*Pinctada Pearl Productions – Manila, Philippines, Shinnecock Nation, NY, Villanova, PA*

- Producing a student-run international social justice documentary managing a \$110,000+ budget
- Managing all aspects of pre- and post-production overseeing a 21-person group and scouting four international locations

### **Delta Gamma President**

December 2023 – January 2025

*Delta Gamma Fraternity – Villanova, PA*

- Direct all chapter operations, supervising eight officers, 37 directors, and a budget of over \$150,000
- Serve as the liaison between a chapter of 235+ members, campus officials and community
- Act as point person for all crisis communications and media relations

### **Filmmaking Workshop Intern**

June 2024 – August 2024

*Bryn Mawr Film Institute – Bryn Mawr, PA*

- Co-producer & teaching assistant
- Leading a group of 12 high school students through all stages of the filmmaking process (script, locations, shooting, editing, etc.)
- 6-week program to culminate a short film that will be screened at various festivals and events

### **Student International Documentary Director**

August 2023 – May 2024

*Stained Glass Films – Salvador, Brazil, Villanova, PA*

- Directing an international social justice documentary “Mestre Guga,” interviewing 10 international collaborators
- Fundraising \$20,000+ toward respective initiatives
- Managing story aspects of pre- and post-production

### **Freelance Production Assistant & Grip**

*Brookville Motion Pictures – Queens, NY*

November 2023 – December 2023

*Deck of Cards Media – Philadelphia, PA*

August 2023

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## **ADDITIONAL**

**Language:** English (full proficiency), Spanish (intermediate working proficiency)

**Technical Skills:** Adobe: Premiere, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, Microsoft Office Suite (Microsoft 365), Google Workspace, Screenwriting Software (Final Draft, Celtx), DSLR Cameras, Sound Operations (Zoom)