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## **EDUCATION**

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### **Villanova University**

Expected May 2025

*Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Spanish Studies, Latin American Studies*

- Related Coursework: Screenwriting, Advanced Film and Video Production, Social Justice Documentary, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Communication Studies, Journalism, Documentary Theories and Practice, Communication Capstone Senior Project, Search for Self in American Film

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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### **Filmmaking Workshop Intern**

June 2024 -- Current

*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

### **Documentary Director**

August 2023 – Current

*Stained Glass Films, Villanova Social Justice Documentary - Salvador, Brazil*

- Directing an international documentary on social justice with respective initiatives and fundraisers
- Managing all aspects of pre- and post-production overseeing a 9 person group
- Scouting and interviewing 8+ international social justice advocates
- Facilitating triweekly production meetings, drafting storyboard and script

### **Production Assistant, Grip Department**

August 2023 – Current

*Deck of Cards Media, Brookville Motion Pictures – NYC, NY, Philadelphia, PA*

- Organizing and preparing on-set materials (setting up equipment, props, scenes)
- Collaborating with a 6-person production team, managing schedules, providing on-set support

### **Chapter President**

December 2023 – Current

*Delta Gamma Fraternity – Villanova, PA*

- Lead and manage an organization with over 235 members
- Lead weekly meetings and oversee CMT and JCMT consisting of over 45 directors
- Correspond with Fraternity & Sorority Affairs on-campus and other University administration
- Represented organization on campus and nationwide that supports Service for Sight.

### **Radio Host**

August 2022 – May 2024

*WXVU 89.1 The Roar*

- Independently creating and producing a weekly 1.5-hour radio program
- Managing technical aspects, executing successful marketing tactics (graphics for social media, flyers), coordinating guest appearances

## **SKILLS & ABILITIES**

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- English (full proficiency), Spanish (Speaking, writing, and reading working proficiency)
- Adobe Creative Suite: Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator
- Microsoft Office Suite (Microsoft 365)
- Professional Digital Cinema Cameras (Black Magic, Canon C100, Sony A7), DSLR Cameras