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■ P H O T O G R A P H Y

Freelance Photographer

New York | August 2002 – Present

Cover high school, college and professional sports, news and features. Photographs have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *the Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Detroit Free-Press*, *Centre Daily Times* (State College, Pa.), and the weeklies *Long Island Press*, *Smithtown News*, *Huntington News* and *The Northport Observer*. Photographs have also appeared in the sports publications *Soccer America* and *Inside Lacrosse*. Clients include *Digital Imaging Events*, *Penn State*, *Hofstra* and *Stony Brook* universities, and the *New York Mets*.

Photo Editor, Hofstra Pulse Magazine

Photographer Hofstra Chronicle Newspaper

Hempstead, N.Y. | November 2005 – Present

Photograph sports, news and feature events for the student newspaper and magazine at Hofstra University, including a visit by former president Bill Clinton, last fall.

■ R E P O R T I N G

Reporter/Photographer, Long-Islander Newspapers

Huntington, N.Y. | March 2004 – March 2005; FREELANCE: March 2005 – Present

Covered local news, sports and features, through stories, photographs and occasional video essays for a chain of weekly newspapers, including *The Long-Islander*, which was founded by Walt Whitman in 1838. Executed a major redesign of the print and online editions and earned recognition for news reporting and photographic efforts with four awards from the New York Press Association. (www.longislandernews.com)

Reporter/Photographer, North Shore News Group

Smithtown, N.Y. | April 1999 – March 2004

Covered news and sports for the *Northport Observer*, *Smithtown News* and *Commack News*.

Founder and Editor, collegeBLITZ.com and commackcougars.com

Commack, N.Y. | October 1999 – Present

Direct the coverage and contributions of writers for www.collegeblitz.com, a website covering college football; write and photograph local high school athletics for www.commackcougars.com, a web resource for students, parents and fans.

Publisher, Writer and Editor, The Commack Times and commacktimes.com

Commack, N.Y. | May 1998 – September 2001

Covered local and national events each month in print and through a website which served as a trusted forum for information about controversial community events, including the construction of a power plant and a lawsuit against school officials.

News Editor, TDWaterhouseCup.com, Commack, N.Y.

Commack, N.Y. | August 1997 - September 2005

Wrote, photographed and directed match coverage for the official web site of the tennis tournament, which ceased operation in 2005.

■ SKILLS

Experienced with Macintosh and Windows hardware and software, HTML and CSS, Adobe Photoshop (photo editing), GoLive and Dreamweaver (web editing), QuarkXPress and Adobe InDesign (page layout), Soundslides (audio slideshows) and Microsoft Word and Excel. Working knowledge of Adobe Flash and Final Cut Pro (video editing). Capable of transmitting stories, photographs and multimedia content through FTP or by e-mail.

■ AFFILIATIONS

Society of Professional Journalists, Press Club of Long Island, National Press Photographer's Association, the Society for News Design and SportsShooter.com.

■ HONORS

- 2005** » First and Third Place, Sports Action Photograph (*New York Press Association*)
- 2004** » First and Third Place, Sports Action Photograph (*New York Press Association*)
 - » First Place, Spot News Story (*New York Press Association*)
 - » Second Place, Spot News Photograph (*New York Press Association*)
- 2002** » Award for Outstanding Work in Journalism from Commack High School
 - » Media Award from the Commack Gridiron Club
- 2001** » Media Award from the Commack Gridiron Club

■ EDUCATION

Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.

B.A. in Print Journalism expected, MAY 2007. (Enrolled SEPTEMBER 2005 - present).

Suffolk County Community College, Brentwood, N.Y.

Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts, MAY 2005

Commack High School, Commack, N.Y.

Regents Diploma, JUNE 2002

■ REFERENCES

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