

An optimistic student looking for a place to support my desire to discover my strengths and passions. I want an amazing education with professors who know me by name. I want to be part of a college community where I feel valued and can make lifelong friends. I want to be a proud alumnus and own 14 school shirts that I do not need but never want to throw away.

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Hard Skills

Creative writing
Final Cut Pro
Premier Pro
Screen writing
Computer aided design certification
Captain's boating license

Strengths (aka Soft Skills)

Independent thinker
Good judge of character
Curious
Self-motivated
Collaborator
Know when to lead and follow
Faithful

Weaknesses

(Because we all have them)

Hate most vegetables
Often prefer my dog to people

Education

Riverview High School Sarasota, FL June 2021

- GPA Senior Year: 1st Semester 4.46/3.9
- GPA: 4.52 weighted/ 3.68 unweighted
- International Baccalaureate
- IB focused areas of study: Film and Marine Science
- Editor for Rams Pages
- Leadership Sarasota Class of 2020
- Co-captain of JV Lacrosse Team
- Scholar Athlete Award recipient
- Combined SAT score of 1150

Athletics and Clubs

- Journalism Club
- Marine Biology Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Cotillion Club of Sarasota
- JV/ Varsity Lacrosse Team, face off specialist
- Monsters Elite Travel Lacrosse, midfielder and face off specialist

Interests

- Watched American Film Institute's 100 Years 100
 Movies list
- Avid boater with a love for outdoor adventure including SUP, surfing, snorkeling, fly fishing, paragliding, cliff jumping and dirt biking
- Travel and adventure! International travel to Spain and Italy pushed my comfort zone and taught me conversational use of languages
- Live by Don Vito Corleone's mantra, "A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man"

Advanced High School Coursework

International Baccalaureate

Aquascience Executive Internship | Film Studies 2 and 3 | Language & Literature 11 & 12 | Marine Science | Personal & Professional Skills

Advanced Placement Pre-International Baccalaureate

Human Geography Art | Biology 1 | Chem 1 | English 1 & 2 | Spanish 2 & 3

Honors

Algebra 2 | Geometry | Marine Science 1 | Pre-Calculus | US Government | US History | World History

Creative Work Highlights

Public Service Announcement: Mask-up

IB Film Studies 3, Fall 2020

Creative Role: Screenwriter, cinematographer, director and editor

Created a 30 second PSA film to promote wearing a mask during school. The film is a humorous lesson about the proper way to put on masks using dogs and people as a promotion for Riverview High School.

Educational Films

Stars to Starfish Internship, Fall 2020

Creative role: Screenwriting, cameraman and editor

Created films in the Riverview Aquadome to educate area elementary school students about marine life and conservation. These short videos included our internship class working with the clown fish tanks, tagging snook for research and information on conservation. The videos were used as virtual visits due to COVID-19.

Short Film: Runaway Enzo

IB Film Studies 2, Fall 2019

Creative Role: Cinematographer, sound editor, location and talent scout

A three-minute short film showing dramatic irony in which the audience has a superior position. A teenager has a friend over while his parents are out of the house. While playing video games, the new puppy goes missing and a humorous search takes place.

Honors and Leadership

Intern, Stars to Starfish Executive Internship

August 2020-Present

As an intern, we host and teach elementary age kids about marine life at my school's aqua dome which houses various tanks for coral breeding, snook, clown fish and more. We maintain the tanks and participate in research programs with Mote Marine Aquarium. I am also producing an educational film as part of my IB Reflection Project to submit to the International Ocean Film Festival and Youth Ocean Conservation Summit Film Festival.

Correspondent, Washington Journalism and Media Conference Summer 2020 - Cancelled

I was selected to participate in the weeklong conference as a National Youth Correspondent in Washington, D.C. Typically the conference includes visits to the National Press Club, exploring media and entertainment careers, meeting with members of Congress and lectures by editors of major media outlets including National Geographic, A&E, Fox News, USA Today, NBC and Politico. I was excited to attend and ask questions to producers, photojournalists, and documentary film makers but due to COVID-19, the conference was cancelled.

Senior Editor and Entertainment writer, Ram Page Newspaper

5/20-present

As a senior in Journalism 3, I am responsible for approving the final stories, editing peer articles, writing feature articles, and ensuring the Ram Page goes to press on time. Articles have included "Best Series to Binge Watch in Quarantine", "American Film Institute's 100th Anniversary", and coverage of local fall festivals and music events.

Co-Editor and writer, Ram Page Newspaper

2017-2019

My sophomore year, I learned about the history and responsibility of journalism with several articles included in the paper. I enjoyed the creative writing and my teacher so much that I switched IB programs to continue progressing in journalism. My responsibilities as co-editor included presenting story ideas each week, conducting interviews and research as well as writing articles.

Member, Sarasota Youth Leadership

7/2019-8/2020

Selected to be part of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Class of 2020. Based on applications, 25 rising juniors who demonstrated leadership skills are chosen from seven area high schools to participate. The program focuses on growing leadership skills while learning more about my community's nonprofits, government workings and local businesses. The class met monthly at different locations and we completed a service-learning project at a school for disabled children. My favorite visit was to ABC 7 as we were able to experience the production process of making news.

Recipient, "Scholar Athlete Award"

2017-2019

This award was presented to JV and Varsity athletes at Riverview High School who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher while contributing to the team's success.

Athlete, Elite Lacrosse Teams

2015-2019

I began playing lacrosse in 2nd grade with my older brother. This became my sport of focus and I was selected to be part of various travel lacrosse teams in middle and high school including Florida National Lacrosse, Monster Elite Travel and True Florida Monsters Travel.

Youth Missionary, North Carolina service project

2017

I have been an active member of the youth group of First Presbyterian Church since 6th grade. Our group often assists with local and regional service projects but traveling to North Carolina gave me the opportunity to grow as a person. My group worked at a local food bank and summer camp for underprivileged kids. My most memorable part of the trip was helping teach the kids to read and creating amazing relationships with some of them. I felt more fulfilled than any of the volunteer work I've done at home.

Leader, Youth Sundays Worship

Annually since 2017

Assist in the planning and programming for the annual Youth Sunday service that middle and high school congregation members participate. This includes choosing the theme, scripture readings and songs for the service. The actual sermons are traditionally written and presented by seniors.

Community Service and Outreach

- Mentor, Marine Biology After School Program
- Buddy/ Volunteer, Lessons for Life: Tennis fundraiser founded by a cancer survivor to raise money for cancer research and to assist local families with expenses
- Volunteer Delivery Driver, Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer, Education Foundation of Sarasota County
- Teacher/Assistant, Sarasota Presbyterian Church VBS