



# A GAME PLAN FOR SUCCESS

## ABOUT THE CENTER

The John Curley Center for Sports Journalism explores issues and trends in sports journalism through instruction, programming and research. The Curley Center complements its core courses with an emphasis on internships and hands-on experience.



“We’re committed to providing opportunities that help prepare the next generation of aspiring sports communication and journalism professionals. With the resources at Penn State, the support of our alumni, the commitment and expertise of our faculty and the support of the Knight Foundation and others, we’re uniquely positioned to leverage our resources and serve students individually.”

— John Affleck, Knight Chair in Sports Journalism and Society and director of the Curley Center



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# EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

With 31 varsity sports at Penn State and exciting projects outside Happy Valley, Curley Center students are perfectly positioned to hone their sports journalism skills. Our undergraduates report, write, photograph, produce video and even create documentaries. Since it was established in 2003, the Curley Center has grown to become one of the largest programs of its kind and is open to students from all majors at Penn State.

Students have access to state-of-the-art facilities and participate in countless campus media opportunities, including CommRadio, The Daily Collegian and TV programs like “After the Whistle” and “In the Game.” Penn State Athletics offers

valuable internships, and additional off-campus opportunities are available with media outlets, teams, leagues and more.

The Curley Center’s partnerships with news organizations such as The Associated Press, USA Today Sports Network, Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association and other outlets

have landed student work in prestigious publications like the Miami Herald, The Washington Post, Sports Business Journal and many more.

Students regularly travel beyond campus to cover major sporting events. They’ve been to the Women’s World Cup in New Zealand and the Paralympics in London. They’ve covered the NFL Draft for nearly two decades, and traveled to cover the Rose Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Senior Bowl and the Super Bowl. They have covered the Little League World Series through a partnership with The Associated Press, as well as the U.S. Open Golf tournament, NASCAR, and completed countless summer internships and professional experiences.



## AWARDS

Individual Curley Center students annually earn top regional and national finishes in writing competitions and recent documentaries have been screened and won awards from southern California to England.



## HOW TO APPLY

Students interested in the Curley Center's academic programs must be in good standing with the University and have completed the prerequisite classes before applying to take Curley Center courses.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Several scholarship funds earmarked specifically for students studying sports journalism provide support for dozens of students in the Curley Center. Students may apply for support annually.

## CORE COURSES

Sports Writing  
Sports Broadcasting  
Sports Information

## ALSO

Sports Business  
Sports Documentaries  
Sports Media and Society

# ALUMNI

Here are some of our many alumni who work in the sports industry.

Julie Bacanskas, *Philadelphia Eagles*

Jill Beckman, *Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

Blake Berson, *CBS Sports Network*

Todd Blackledge, *NBC Sports*

Mark Brennan, *Lions247*

Maddie Brightman, *ESPN*

Judson Burch, *ESPN*

Jim Buzinski, *Outsports*

Paul Casella, *MLB Advanced Media*

Gene Collier, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

Melanie Collins, *CBS Sports/Golf Channel*

Erin Kate Dolan, *ESPN*

Dustin Dopirak, *Indianapolis Star*

Gerry Dulac, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

Alex Eliasof, *WWE*

Seth Engle, *StateCollege.com*

Robert Feagans, *MLB Advanced Media*

Sean Fitz, *PennStateOn3*

Kalyn Flockhart, *ESPN*

Matt Fortuna, *The Inside Zone*

Shannon Furman, *NFL Films*

Deb Gelman, *CBS Sports/Creative Spark Productions*

Pete Gergely, *New York Yankees*

Morgan Giannone, *FOX Sports*

Amanda Gifford Lockwood, *ESPN*

Meghan Hartley, *Angel City Football Club*

Ryan Hockensmith, *ESPN*

Jessica Holtz Steinberg, *CAA*

Scott Horner, *Octagon*

Pete Jensen, *NHL.com*

Kimberly Jones, *Newsday, WFAN*

Sheil Kapadia, *The Ringer*

Emily Kaplan, *ESPN*

Meghan Loder, *Washington Commanders*

Ashley Magosin, *UNC-Greensboro*

Tony Mancuso, *New York Jets*

Karisa Maxwell, *Professional Fighters League*

Johnny McGonigal, *PennLive*

Rob Michel, *Big Ten Network*

Matt Millen, *Big Ten Network*

Nate Mink, *Advance Media New York*

Sweeny Murti, *MLB Advanced Media*

Will Pakutka, *New York Daily News*

Melissa Pardi, *NFL*

Dave Racchini, *SportsNet Pittsburgh*

Marisol Renner, *Baltimore Ravens*

Jennifer Ridgley, *Pittsburgh Penguins*

Michael Robinson, *NBC Sports/NFL Network*

Rob Roselli, *Florida Atlantic University*

Rich Russo, *Fox Sports*

Lisa Salters, *ESPN*

Michael Signora, *NFL*

Audrey Snyder, *The Athletic*

Daniel Solomon, *Playfly Sports*

Wayne Staats, *Turner Sports*

Rachel Steinberg, *FanDuel*

Brian Tripp, *Penn State, Westwood One*

Tom Verducci, *Sports Illustrated/Fox Sports/MLB Network*

Jenny Vrentas, *The New York Times*

Michael Weinreb, *Author/Journalist*

Judi Weiss, *ESPN*

Robbie Weiss, *NASCAR*



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