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
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’s creation 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 participate in countless campus media opportunities, including CommRadio, The Daily Collegian, and student-led TV programs. They also have access to state-of-the-art facilities. 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 professional news organizations such as The Associated Press, USA Today Sports Network, Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association and other outlets, have landed student work in prestigious publications from The Washington Post to the Miami Herald, the Sports Business Journal, and hundreds of others.

Students regularly travel far beyond campus to cover major sporting events. Curley Center-supported students have covered events in Ireland and Cuba. They’ve been to the Olympics in London and the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo. They’ve covered the NFL Draft for over a decade, 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, the U.S. Open Golf tournament, and NASCAR at Pocono Raceway.

Awards
Curley Center sports documentaries have been screened and won awards from southern California to England. Individual students are consistently recognized as top finishers at regional and national competitions.

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.

Course Topics
Sports Writing
Sports Broadcast
Sports Information
Covering Sports Business
In the Game / Sports Video
Sports Journalism Projects