

ALUMNI

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

Marty Aronoff, ESPN/Fox Sports
 Mark Ashenfelter, ESPN
 Blake Berson, CBS Sports Network
 Rob Biertempfel, The Athletic
 Hannah Biondi, DAZN
 Todd Blackledge, ESPN/ABC
 Mark Brennan, 24/7 Sports
 Cathy Bongiovi, University of Akron
 Judson Burch, ESPN
 Jim Buzinski, Outsports
 Paul Casella, MLB.com
 Alyson Cohen, Chicago Cubs
 Gene Collier, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
 Melanie Collins, CBS Sports/Golf Channel
 Dustin Dopirak, The Athletic
 Gerry Dulac, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
 Robert Feagans, CBS Sports Digital
 Sean Fitz, 24/7 Sports
 Kalyn Flockhart, ESPN
 Matt Fortuna, The Athletic
 Shannon Furman, NFL Films
 Deb Gelman, CBS/Creative Spark Productions
 Pete Gergely, New York Yankees
 Morgan Giannone, NASCAR
 Amanda Gifford Lockwood, ESPN
 Meghan Hartley, Los Angeles Rams
 Ryan Hockensmith, ESPN
 Scott Horner, Octagon
 Pete Jensen, NHL.com
 Kimberly Jones, NFL Network
 Sheil Kapadia, The Athletic
 Emily Kaplan, ESPN
 Rob King, ESPN

Ashley Leavens, NFL Films
 Meghan Loder, Washington Redskins
 Ashley Magosin, Air Force Academy
 Tony Mancuso, New York Jets
 Karisa Maxwell, The Sporting News
 John McGonigal, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
 Matt Millen, Big Ten Network
 Nate Mink, Syracuse Media Group
 Mike Missanelli, 97.5 The Fanatic
 Sweeny Murti, WFAN/SNY
 Doug Nelson, Learfield IMG College
 Dana O'Neil, The Athletic
 Ali Nicastro, MLS
 Will Pakutka, New York Daily News
 Alisa Petercuskie, Kraft Sports Group
 Marisol Renner, Baltimore Ravens
 Jennifer Ridgley, Pittsburgh Penguins
 Michael Robinson, BTN/NFL Network
 Rob Roselli, Rutgers University
 Rich Russo, Fox Sports
 Lisa Salters, ESPN
 Linsey Shea, NBC Sports/NFL Network
 Michael Signora, NFL
 Audrey Snyder, The Athletic
 Daniel Solomon, Learfield IMG College
 Wayne Staats, Turner Sports
 Larry Tiscornia, Major League Soccer
 Brian Tripp, Penn State Athletics
 Tom Verducci, Sports Illustrated/Fox Sports/MLB Network
 Jenny Vrentas, Sports Illustrated/The MMQB
 Michael Weinreb, Author/Journalist
 Robbie Weiss, NASCAR
 Mark Wogenrich, Allentown Morning Call



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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



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 its 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