

Raina Ridente

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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University

Bellisario College of Communications

Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications

Minors in Corporate Innovative Entrepreneurship and Photography

Public Humanities Fellow *Penn State College of Liberal Arts*

University Park, PA

December, 2025

Internship/ Work Experience

Comm Agency *Photographer* | *October 2023- Present* | *University Park, PA*

- Photographs headshots and various events for Penn State clients.
- works with clients to schedule and organize shoots assists with scheduling and distribution from the photo department
- Uses Adobe LightRoom Classic to aid the creative process of photographs.
- Upcoming photo director

Publick House *Hostess* | *August 2021- December 2022* | *Mountainside, NJ*

- Answered phone inquiries to schedule and confirm reservations, record takeout orders and respond to service questions. Greeted guests to escort assigned dining areas and present menus.
- Worked 15+ hours a week, financed my living expenses at Penn State with income from this position.

Vivid Stage *Intern* | *September 2021- May 2022* | *Summit, NJ*

- Worked as an assistant stage manager for various plays through this company. Assisted the production stage manager and director with tasks and errands. Organized backstage area, assisted with costume and set changes, organized and handled props, costumes, scripts, etc.

Film/Video/ Photo Experience

A Book About Science *Associate Producer* | *October 2023- Present* | *University Park, PA*

- Assisted producer and director with the casting process and read back and forth with actors.
- Assisted with behind the scenes content, lighting, cameras, and props on set for for this short film

Comm Radio *Photographer* | *August 2023- Present* | *University Park, PA*

- Provides photo coverage at various sports and entertainment events at Penn State.
- Uses Adobe Lightroom classic to aid the creative process of photographs.

We Are Casting *Social Media assistant*

- posts graphics for student directors looking for talent
- advertises and guides talent to casting calls

Leadership/ Activities

Sigma Kappa Sorority | *January 2023- Present* | *University Park, PA*

- Participates in both social and philanthropic events, member of the THON and New Member committees.

Academy For Performing Arts *Production Stage Manager* | *September 2018- June 2022* | *Scotch Plains, NJ*

- Stage managed numerous plays, musicals, and student written productions within my performing arts high school.
- Worked with designers and directors to make the productions run smoothly, organized rehearsal schedules, reports, handled and created cues for lighting, sound, prop, costume, and set changes. Worked in a fast paced environment with time management, communication and organization skills. Ran casting calls.

Skills: Adobe Premiere Pro and LightRoom Classic, studio camera and equipment operation