



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.

**Career preparation with hands-on experience
and real-life opportunities.**



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Hands-On 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 and Sports Business Journal.

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 Rio de Janeiro and in Paris. 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 internships and professional experiences.



Real-Life Experience

Super Bowl

NFL Draft

Olympics

Paralympics

CFP Playoffs

U.S. Open Golf

World Cup

Women’s World Cup

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. Online applications open each semester during the academic year.

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 Broadcasting
- Sports Information
- Sports Business
- Sports Documentaries
- Sports Media and Society

Alumni

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

Michael Appleman, *NBCUniversal*
 Julie Bacanskas, *Philadelphia Eagles*
 Todd Blackledge, *NBC Sports*
 Jon Blau, *The Advocate/Times-Picayune*
 Mark Brennan, *Lions247*
 Maddie Brightman, *ESPN*
 Jim Buzinski, *Outsports*
 Paul Casella, *MLB Advanced Media*
 Melanie Collins, *CBS Sports/Golf Channel*
 Matt Conti, *Indianapolis Colts*
 Andrew Destin, *The Associated Press*
 Erin Kate Dolan, *ESPN*
 Dustin Dopirak, *Indianapolis Star*
 David Eckert, *Horns247*
 Alex Eliasof, *WWE*
 Mike Esse, *TaylorMade Golf*
 Robert Feagans, *MLB Advanced Media*
 Sean Fitz, *PennStateOn3*
 Kalyn Flockhart, *ESPN*
 Matt Fortuna, *The Inside Zone*
 Shannon Furman, *NFL Films*
 Carlos Garcia, *WAPT-TV*
 Deb Gelman, *CBS Sports*
 Pete Gergely, *New York Yankees*
 Morgan Giannone, *FOX Sports*
 Amanda Gifford Lockwood, *ESPN*
 Giana Han, *The Baltimore Banner*
 Meghan Hartley, *Angel City Football Club*
 Jack Hirsh, *GOLF Magazine/GOLF.com*
 Ryan Hockensmith, *ESPN*
 Jessica Holtz Steinberg, *CAA*
 Pete Jensen, *NHL.com*
 Sheil Kapadia, *The Ringer*
 Emily Kaplan, *ESPN*

Zach Kaplan, *WNCT-TV*
 Katie Kemmerer, *Kansas City Chiefs*
 Keely Lamm, *Bananas Foster Inc.*
 Brandon Lea, *Major League Baseball*
 Matt Martell, *FanGraphs*
 Tony Mancuso, *New York Jets*
 Johnny McGonigal, *PennLive*
 Brian McLaughlin, *University of Vermont*
 Rob Michel, *Big Ten Network*
 Nate Mink, *Advance Media New York*
 Sweeny Murti, *MLB Advanced Media*
 Dana O'Neil, *CNN Sports*
 Melissa Pardi, *U.S. Soccer Federation*
 Dave Racchini, *Cleveland Cavaliers*
 Marisol Renner, *Baltimore Ravens*
 Jennifer Ridgley, *Pittsburgh Penguins*
 Michael Robinson, *NBC Sports/NFL Network*
 Rob Roselli, *University of Miami*
 Rich Russo, *Fox Sports*
 Lisa Salters, *ESPN*
 Michael Signora, *NFL*
 Audrey Snyder, *Inside the Lions*
 Daniel Solomon, *Playfly Sports*
 Jake Somerville, *NBC Sports*
 Wayne Staats, *Turner Sports*
 Rachel Steinberg, *Adobe*
 Ryan Stevens, *Houston Rockets*
 Jeff Szklinski, *CBS Sports*
 Brian Tripp, *Penn State, Westwood One*
 Tom Verducci, *Sports Illustrated/Fox Sports/MLB*
 Michael Weinreb, *Author/Journalist*
 Judi Weiss, *ESPN*
 Robbie Weiss, *NASCAR*
 Mark Wogenrich, *AllPennState/SI's Fan Nation*



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