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Ryan is an energetic, passionate and creative individual whose tireless work ethic, organization skills, and track record of civic achievement and involvement lead him to want to succeed for the benefit of all.

Education

- **Waynesburg University – Waynesburg, PA, 3.51 GPA, Cum Laude** *Class of 2017*
Communications (Electronic Media) major, Political Science minor
 - Selected as one of seven Class of 2017 scholars to the Stover Center for Constitutional Studies and Moral Leadership

Work Experience/Volunteer Work

- **Call Center Agent at Dial America Marketing** *March 2018-Present*
- **Waynesburg University Community Television (WCTV)** *September 2013- April 2017*
 - Directed, organized, and hosted a live 3.5 hour long special on Election Day Eve in 2016
 - Served as a panelist/host for current events/political discussion show, “The Waynesburg Effect,” from sophomore through senior years; the program won an Award of Distinction from The Communicator Awards
 - Served as a weekly news and weather anchor on “Channel 14 News” from freshman through junior years
- **Waynesburg University Student Senate** *September 2013- April 2017*
 - Elected to the position of Student Senate President for the 2016-2017 academic year, Student Senate Secretary for the 2015-2016 academic year, and a class senator for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years.
- **Production Intern for XtremeMEDIA, LLC & Kevin McCullough** *May 2016-August 2016*
 - Assisted during broadcasts of “Radio Night Live” editing video and audio clips using Adobe Premiere Pro to cut program into individual clips of interest and a highlight reel; pieced interview clips from the show together into single cohesive recordings
- **News Digest Editor for The Yellow Jacket Newspaper** *August 2015-May 2016*
 - Wrote at least six articles per semester for the campus newspaper paper, including columns, editorials and News Digest pieces; managed writers for Op/Ed section, assisted in leading weekly Op/Ed meeting, edited newspaper each week with staff members
- **Columnist for The Oakland Journal (www.theoaklandjournal.com)** *Spring 2008-Present*
 - Authored over 25 articles for the online news website in the styles of Seasonal, Op-Ed, Evergreen, and Essay

Community Involvement & Leadership

- **Chairman of the Oakland Communications Commission** *June 2017-Present*
 - Approved by Mayor & Council in June 2017 to serve on Borough Commission that manages Oakland’s public access TV station, Borough newsletter, website, and social media accounts. Was chosen by Commission to serve as Chairman in February 2018.
- **Project Leader & Advocate for Local Dog Park (www.dogpark4oaklandnj.org)** *Spring 2009- Present*
 - Started grassroots movement as an eighth-grader and specifically in last several years, has planned, organized, worked with local government, a local non-profit, area businesses, a fundraising committee and local organizations - fundraising approximately \$24,000 in cash and \$27,000 in pledged labor donations since 2017 to build a dog park in Oakland Borough.
- **Founded Public Opinion Polls for Oakland, NJ (www.oaklandnjpolls.webs.com)** *July 2010- June 2013*
 - Conducted, analyzed and published polling data on local issues for residents to examine
 - Interviewed local candidates running for Mayor and Council and posted the videos on YouTube

Skills

- Experienced in using **Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook, Apple Pages, Adobe Premiere Pro** and **InDesign**, experience with **PCs and Mac**, proven capacity to learn professional technologies quickly and use them effectively
- **Proven leader**, strong in **public speaking, organized, goal-oriented individual**, keen at **time management**, **persistent and dedicated** in **getting goals accomplished, collaborative problem solver**

References Available Upon Request