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Summary: Bilingual (**English-Spanish**) multitalented journalist. Experienced in play-by-play, live sports production, sports photography, news reporting, software editing and more. Targeting the sports media market in front or behind the scenes. Born in Colombia, became naturalized USA citizen in 2023.

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University | Bunton-Waller Fellowship (Full-ride award) Class of 2024
Bachelors in Broadcast Journalism and Spanish - John Curley Center for Sports Journalism Certificate. GPA: 3.68

EXPERIENCE

Sports Broadcasting

Play-by-play/Commentary - Big Ten Plus and ESPN+ Aug 2022 - Dec 2023

- Lead broadcaster for Penn State men's and women's soccer.
- **Announced the first-ever full-Spanish broadcast on Big Ten Plus**

Play-by-Play - Des Moines Menace (United Soccer League 2) May - July 2023

- In Des Moines - Broadcast all home matches during the 2023 season.
- Internship included work in videography, social media, match operations and travel photography.

Broadcast Media Intern - United Soccer League Jan - May 2023

- Match monitoring for all active USL leagues during the internship.
- Ensure broadcast compliance and functionality both technically and creatively.
- Assist the generating of reports that have a direct impact on overall league and team revenue.

On-Air Talent - Penn State Sports Night Aug 2020 - Present

- Production and performance of sports news segments made in professional television studios.

Broadcaster / Producer / Writer - Penn State CommRadio Aug 2020 - Present

- Premiere radio station at University. Broadcasts on Penn State sports.
- Create weekly sports content in the form of articles, live shows, podcasts, and more.

After the Whistle: Production and video coverage for local High School football teams.

Production

Live Production - Penn State Athletics Aug 2022 - Present

- Assist the Penn State Athletics production department in camera and control room operations.
- Events are produced for in-house video boards at the Bryce Jordan Center, Rec Hall and Pegula Ice Arena.
- **Positions:** Camera operator, utility, technical director, graphics operator, stats, replay operator and more.

Reporter / Producer / Sports Anchor - Centre County Report Jan - May 2023

- Script, edit, produce and deliver live news and sports stories from around Centre County, PA.
- **Emmy Nominated Production** - 'Penn State Boxing: A Century and Counting' (**Sports Story**)

Photography

Photographer - The Associated Press (2023 FIFA Women's World Cup) July - August 2023

- In Hamilton, New Zealand. One of nine Penn State students selected to travel and cover the event.
- Deliver in-match stills from the five local group stage fixtures.

Media - Texas United FC (United Soccer League 2) May - July 2022

- Photograph, record and edit media content during the 2022 season.

Leadership

- Colombian American Student Association - President 2022 - 2023
- Bellisario Alliance for Multicultural Students - Director of Programming 2022

SKILLS

Adobe Programs (Audition - Photoshop - Premiere Pro) - Inception - Photo Mechanic - Microsoft Office