

MARLEY HELFER

Student | Emerson College | Class of 2029 | Boston, MA

EDUCATION

- Emerson College (current freshman), Journalism & Honors Program, 4.0 GPA
- Ballard High School graduate, 4.0 unweighted/4.3 weighted GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **The Berkeley Beacon Newspaper Graphic Designer** | Fall 2025
Graphic designer for Emerson College's student-run newspaper first semester freshman year, designing a section of the paper each week using Adobe InDesign. Three news/feature articles have also been published for the paper and/or Beacon Magazine.
- **Ballard High School Talisman Newspaper** | Academic Years 2022-2025
Promoted from a reporter to a Copy Editor as a first-year staff member in 10th grade. Selected for co-Editor-in-Chief in 11th and 12th grade to lead the publication in producing 5-6 editions each year; responsibilities included editing, design, writing, mentorship and photography. Proficient in Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, certified in Adobe InDesign.
- **Peter Fewing Soccer Camps** | Summers 2022-2025
Coach and mentor to 20-40 youth ages 5-16 at full-day and overnight soccer camps through soccer games, drills and tactics while exercising leadership and communication skills.
- **Ballard Boys & Girls Club** | Summers 2021/2022
Counselor in training (CIT) in daily activities and field trips at full day-camps. Responsible for 30 campers ages 4-6; gained skills in childcare, communication, and problem solving.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Student Arts Leadership Committee, Ballard High School** | 11th grade
Founding member in the first-ever committee of student leaders of Ballard High School art programs, representative for the Talisman newspaper
- **Link Leadership Program, Ballard High School** | 11th/12th grade
Student mentor and support leader to a group of 8-10 incoming freshmen throughout the school year through school and program-specific events.
- **Earth Service Corp Club, Ballard High School** | 9th/10th grade
Weekly volunteer work sorting compost, recycling & garbage on campus
- **Eating Disorder Awareness Club, Ballard High School** | 9th/10th grade
Educating local community and student body about teen eating and body image disorders through service projects and outreach events
- **Student Senate Representative, Ballard High School** | 9th/10th grade
Elected position; advocate for student's views on school issues and events in monthly student government meetings

JOURNALISM AWARDS

- **Design of the Year nominee, Newsmagazine Cover** | 2025
Nominee for design of the year in the NSPA Fall National High School Convention.
- **NSPA Best of Show Award in Design** | 2025

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PROFILE

Freshman at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, with extensive experience in journalism, leadership, and athletics.

SOFT SKILLS / TRAITS

Dedicated
Hard-working
Creative
Driven
Detail-oriented
Respectful
Open-minded

INTERESTS

Film & documentaries
Playing & coaching soccer
Ski racing & backcountry skiing
Hiking, backpacking, camping
Music
Language-learning (French Proficiency)

REFERENCES

Peter & Patty Fewing

Employer / Coach / Business Owners
Peter Fewing Soccer Camps
peterfewing@peterfewingsoccercamp.com

Luke Thorp

Girls Director / Soccer Coach
Celtic FC
lukethorp@seattleceltic.com

Fourth place in newspaper/newsmagazine design at the NSPA 2025 National High School Journalism convention.

- **WJEA Award of Excellence | 2025**
Recognized by the WJEA for outstanding contributions to student media at Ballard High School.
- **Quill & Scroll Journalism Honors Society Member | 2025-present**
Certified as a member of the Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists; required 3+ years of experience on a high school publication and 1+ years in an editorial position.
- **NSPA 2024 Individual Award Finalist | 2024**
Selected for the NSPA's annual student journalism awards; Finalist for Story of the Year in opinion writing
- **Best of Sno Awards | 10th-12th grade**
Seven articles selected for the Sno Network, a publisher of more than 500 US high school newspapers; awards in news, feature and opinion writing.
- **NSPA Leadership Award in Student Journalism | 11th grade**
Awarded for demonstrating journalistic excellence and staff leadership for at least two years; nominated by journalism adviser.
- **WJEA Summer Journalism Workshop | Summer before 11th grade**
All Star Award in Design for demonstrating growth, perseverance and passion for journalism
Best Color Group Award for working collaboratively and effectively with other journalists

OTHER AWARDS & HONORS

- **Washington State Honors Award | 2025**
In recognition of ranking in top 10% of the Washington State high school graduating class of 2025.
- **National French Contest Finalist | 2024**
Second place in a national French contest for English-speakers/Americans.
- **National Honors Society, Ballard High School | 10th grade-present**
Volunteer work at the National Nordic Museum, a local senior center, and a school blood drive
- **Seymour Kaplan Humanitarian Award, Salmon Bay K-8 | 8th grade**

ATHLETICS

- **Seattle Celtic FC 06/07 GA | Spring 2024-Spring 2025**
Club soccer; competing in regional and national showcases and competitive tournaments
- **WPL Surf Academy 07 | 11th grade**
Selective travel club soccer team; attended national showcase tournaments
- **Emerald City FC F06 Green | 9th/10th/11th grade**
Club soccer; two-year team captain
- **Ballard High School Varsity Flag Football | 11th grade**