

RYAN OELKERS

Communications and Media Studies student with a Photography minor seeking a visual/editorial/media Internship. Interested in visual storytelling, editorial workflows, and the role of imagery in shaping culture and media.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

■ Photographer

May 2022 - Present

- Create action and lifestyle photography for the Marketing Association of Plymouth State (MAPS)
- Collaborate with other production team members to create a consistent visual narrative
- Plan and direct styled portrait sessions to produce cohesive, editorial-quality images for client approval

■ Loon Mountain Resort Operator

Nov 2023 - Present

- Operate and monitor chairlifts in a fast-paced, safety-critical environment
- Communicate clearly with guests and team members to maintain efficient flow and safety
- Respond quickly and calmly to unexpected situations, prioritizing judgment and accountability

■ Spring Lake Day Camp Counselor

Jun 2024 - Aug 2025

- Led and supervised groups of children in a structured, inclusive environment
- Managed group dynamics, conflict resolution, and daily scheduling
- Maintained professionalism and adaptability in high-energy settings
- Certified in First-Aid, Waterfront Safety, CPR

■ Mount Everest Customer Relations

Nov 2023 - Jan 2025

- Resolved issues quickly while maintaining a positive brand experience for the customer
- Provided feedback that improved the customer experience at this multi-location company

EDUCATION

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Expected Graduation, May 2027

- B.A. Communications & Media Studies, Minor in Photography

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2019 - 2023

SKILLS

- Visual storyteller
- Photography - film and digital
- Working knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite
- Content organization & asset management
- Attention to detail in content workflows
- Team communication
- Optimizing content for multi-channel (Instagram, TikTok, Youtube)

STRENGTHS

- Creative
- Adaptable
- Curious
- Resilient
- Accountable
- Honest
- A good human!

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Simultaneously underwent three major brain surgeries whilst successfully managing the first two years of college