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Summary:

Current junior at Union College, Schenectady, NY, majoring in Psychology with focus on forensic field; Possesses strong leadership, organizational skills and excellent interpersonal skills. Consistently applying creative thinking to solve complex problems, while identifying the most beneficial solutions.

Education

Union College - Schenectady, NY

Aug 2023 - Jun 2027

Psychology, B.Sc.; Philosophy (minor) and Seward Organizing Theme (minor) - GPA: 3.87

Relevant Course Work: Statistical Methods in Psychology (SPSS & Jamovi), Research Methods, Clinical Psychology: Disorders, Clinical Psychology: Interventions, Clinical Internship, Developmental Psychology, Adolescent Development, Psychology of Personality, Neuroscience: Brain and Behavior, Psychology Of Language, Juvenile Delinquency, Social Construction of Deviance, Logic and Critical Thinking, Symbolic Logic, Introduction to Ethics, Theory of Knowledge, Mind and Machines, Big Data (Python)

Achievements: Dean's List - Academic Years: 2023/24, 2024/25; Scholars Honors Program through Seward Fellowship Minor; 2026 Prize Day Recipient of Shaffer Library Research Award; Inducted into Psi Chi; Presidential Scholarship (Merit Based Scholarship)

Saddle River Day School - Saddle River, NJ

Sep 2019 - May 2023

High School Diploma - GPA: 3.9

- Captain of Varsity Volleyball Team, Assistant to Junior Varsity, Founded Middle School Team: Leadership
- Stage and Production Manager: Other Work Experience

Achievements: High School Honor Roll and Dean's List - All Academic Years; Recipient of Student Dedication Award 2022/23

Relevant Work Experience

Clinical Intern - St. Anne's Institute - Albany, NY

Mar 2026 - Jun 2026

- Observed crisis response interventions for adolescent girls in a residential treatment setting
- Facilitated psychoeducational and support groups focused on emotional regulation and conflict de-escalation
- Participated in supervision, progress evaluations, and interdisciplinary legal and clinical meetings, gaining insight into treatment planning, case management, and the legal considerations for youth in residential care

Family Court Intern - Martin Cirincione, Child Advocate Lawyer - Schenectady, NY

Aug 2024 - Mar 2025

- Assisted in custody, juvenile delinquency, and matrimonial cases as part of child advocacy efforts in Family Court and developed an understanding for the child welfare system and the legal dimensions of family law
- Observed and analyzed a high-profile forensic psychiatric evaluation in a double homicide case involving a potential mental disease defense; provided psychological insight from studies that aligned with expert conclusions, demonstrating strong critical thinking and case comprehension
- Contributed to cross-examination preparation during a 28-day custody trial featuring two senior matrimonial attorneys

Equine-Assisted Learning Facilitator - Whispering Pines Farm - Branchville, NJ

Mar 2021 - Current

- Studied equine psychology, natural horsemanship and "Five Herd Roles" theory with the goal of participating in equine-based learning programs
 - Participated as a staff member in leadership development workshops, guiding participants in interpreting horses' behavior in equine-human interactions for individuals and groups.
 - Responsible for the physical safety of multiple participants and unrestricted horses in the arena
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Skills

- Fluent in English and Hebrew
 - Statistical Analysis - Proficient use of SPSS and Jamovi
 - Proficient in coding language: Python
 - Leisure & personal: Extensive travel in Europe, Middle East and Asia. Member of Gamma Phi Beta. Intermediate skier and loves puzzles/mind games
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Leadership

Psi Chi Secretary - National Psychology Honor Society - Union College, Schenectady, NY

Jun 2025 - Jun 2026

- Was an active member in designing mental health awareness themed events for students and faculty such as therapy dog events, spring wellness tie-dye, fundraising bake sale and sticker sale
- Coordinated schedules for meetings and took notes during meetings

Seward Fellow - Scholars Program Organizing Theme Minor and Research - Union College, Schenectady, NY

Sep 2025 - Mar 2026

- Recipient of 2026 Shaffer Library Research Award
- Danieli, A.(2026, May 8). *Critical assessment of the juvenile justice system through psychological, sociological, and philosophical lenses* [Conference presentation]. Steinmetz Symposium, Schenectady, NY.
- Danieli, A. (2026, March 4). *Critical assessment of the juvenile justice system through psychological, sociological, and philosophical lenses* [Poster presentation]. NYCHE Conference, Albany, NY.

Scheduling Coordinator - Club Field Hockey Team - Union College, Schenectady, NY

Aug 2024 - Mar 2025

- Coordinated practice schedules, games with other league teams, and team logistics, communicating with players and opponents to ensure smooth operations and consistent participation

Therapy Dog Handler - Bright and Beautify Therapy Dogs - *Bergen County, NJ* Nov 2019 - Aug 2023

- Trained and prepared a therapy dog to meet certification requirements for therapy work while maintaining strict safety, hygiene, and behavioral standards
- Conducted regular visits to middle schools to support student well-being and provide a calming classroom presence
- Collaborated with teachers, counselors, and staff to identify student needs and enhance the impact of therapy dog interactions

Varsity Volleyball Team Captain - Saddle River Day School, *Saddle River, NJ* Aug 2021 - Nov - 2022

- Under my leadership the girls volleyball team evolved from lower placement, to competing in the league semi-final for the first time in nine years
- Initiated new methods of recruitment and launched team building activities.
- Took on the role of being an Assistant Coach to the junior varsity team

Founded and Coached Middle School Volleyball Team - Saddle River Day School, *Saddle River, NJ* Dec 2021 - May 2023

- The team evolved from initial pickup games to a full-fledged school team that competed in regional tournaments. Led ~12 girls to develop both their athletic abilities, as well as teamwork and interpersonal skills.

Initiated Mental Health Talks - Covid-19 Pandemic Impact Talks At Saddle River Day School - *Saddle River, NJ* Sep 2020 - May 2022

- Coordinated monthly lectures with eight outside guest speakers who discussed various critical topics related to mental health to provide emotional support for students and faculty during the pandemic, as well as facilitated discussion & support groups

Other Work Experience

Administrative & Operations Support Intern - Precipio Inc. - *New Haven, CT* Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Provided organizational, communications, and operational support across multiple departments, improving efficiency, accessibility, and team workflows.
- Projects: Created global organizational charts for company, developed New Employee Handbook with guides and QR codes, automated marketing brochure inventory tracking, reorganized website resources, drafted internal communications, updated SG&A spreadsheets and analyzed expenses

Student Assistant Coach/Media Manager - Union College Volleyball - *Schenectady, NY* Aug 2023 - Nov 2023

- Conducted statistical analysis of player and team performance to inform strategy and improvement
- Developed and enhanced the team's social media presence, creating content to promote the schedule and increase visibility

Stage and Production Manager - Theater Department, Saddle River Day School - *Saddle River, NJ* Sep 2019 - Mar 2023

- Responsible for all production efforts for ~40 school theater performances: coordinated with up to 35 students for rehearsal scheduling, roles & responsibilities
- Managed all stage constructions, sound and lighting, and the coordination of all components for successfully performances
- Served as student liaison for all school, theater and other related major events (such as TED Talks and charity performances)

Customer Service Employee - Dunkin Donuts - *Paramus, NJ* May 2022 - Oct 2022

Customer Service Employee - Panera Bread - *Englewood, NJ* Jun 2021 - Oct 2021

Extracurriculars

Volunteer Experience - Gamma Phi Beta - *Union College, Schenectady, NY* Jan 2025 - Current

- Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Event: Managed a face painting booth at a community event, engaging with attendees and contributing to a positive, family-friendly atmosphere
- Schenectady Prom Store: Helped organize and set up a free dress shop in Schenectady, assisting with inventory, display, and community outreach to provide formalwear to those in need
- Girls on The Run: Supported events by cheering on participants and creating posters to encourage a positive atmosphere, help boost confidence and motivation