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Multifaceted student with experience in event planning, youth engagement, and creative communications. Skilled in coordinating logistics, developing content, and executing initiatives that drive engagement and community connection. A strong communicator who brings a creative, solutions-oriented approach to fast-paced environments.

## EDUCATION

**Middle Tennessee State University | Murfreesboro, TN**

**May 2026**

Bachelor of Science in Public Relations & Advertising | Minor in Tourism & Hospitality

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- Project Management
  - Event Planning
  - Final Cut Pro
  - Adobe Creative Suite
  - Communication
  - Microsoft Office
  - Decision Making
  - Team Leadership
  - Google Suite
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Let It Shine Gymnastics INC | Franklin, TN**

**June 2023-Present**

**Camp Director**

- Directed daily operations of a 300-camper program, overseeing scheduling, staffing (35–40 team members), and program execution to ensure a structured and engaging camp environment.
- Managed parent communications and resolved concerns with professionalism, while proactively addressing camper health, safety, and well-being
- Designed and implemented detailed daily itineraries to improve staff efficiency, streamline transitions, and enhance overall camper experience.
- Enforced safety protocols and emergency procedures, ensuring full compliance and a secure environment for campers and staff.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church | Nashville, TN**

**Aug 2025-Present**

**Family Formation Assistant**

- Coordinate logistics and execution of youth and young adult programming, supporting community engagement through organized events and initiatives.
- Develop and distribute newsletters and communications to strengthen participation and maintain consistent outreach with members.
- Manage and maintain member data using Breeze software, ensuring accurate records and streamlined communication processes.

**Independent Event Coordinator | Murfreesboro, TN**

**May 2023-Nov 2023**

**Twin Oak Live Events**

- Produced and executed live DIY events featuring music, vendors, and food partnerships, managing all phases from planning to on-site operations.
- Led event logistics, promotion strategies, and vendor coordination to create cohesive and engaging attendee experiences.
- Drove attendance growth, achieving up to 140 ticket sales per event through targeted outreach and event marketing efforts.

## AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Dean's List (2022-2026)
- John Seigenthaler chair scholarship winner (2023)
- BJTC BEST PODCAST AWARD (2025)
- Tourism Proposal Competition 1st Place winner (2024)
- Study Abroad in Manchester, UK (2025)