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Professional Experience:

Director of Photography *Farther Than Closer*: January 2026

- Directed cinematography and operated the camera for a narrative film

Assistant Director *DIBS*: December 2025

- Managed scheduling, time coordination, and crew logistics

Director of Photography/Head PA *Dad! That's My Boyfriend*: November 2025

- Led cinematography/supervised PA operations, managing camera, lighting, and on-set workflow

Director of Photography/Operator *Million Frog March*: November 2025

- Directed cinematography and operated the camera to capture live protest action

Camera Operator *DOGE*: November 2025

- Operated camera and gimbal systems for documentary production

1st Assistant Camera *HouseSoHome?*: October 2025-November 2025

- Handling camera operation, focus pulling, and gear management

Assistant Director, *Exit Sign*: September 2025

- Managed scheduling, time coordination, and crew logistics

Production Assistant/Digital Imaging Technician, *Mirror Image*: August 2025

- Provided set support along with slating, prop coordination, and media management

Work Experience

Barback/Security/Food Runner, *Shorty's X, Pittsburgh, PA*: May 2024-February 2025 (Part-Time)

- Multi-role hospitality team member ensuring seamless guest experiences
- Trusted team player in a high-volume nightlife environment

Head Coach, *DEWLAX & Pittsburgh Premier Lacrosse Club (NJ/PA)*: 2020- 2025 (Part-Time)

- Coached athletes (5th–11th grade) during seasonal sessions
- Worked closely with the coaching staff on team development and leadership
- Trained athletes to improve physical and mental performance

Robert Morris University, *Moon Twp, PA - 2025*

- BFA, Cinema and Photography - Minor: Graphic Design, Cum Laude
- NCAA Division 1 Student Athlete
- Founder and President of Student Film Society
- Leroy M. Ball Colonial Leadership Academy
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Awards

- Award Nominee at Los Angeles International Short Film Festival - Nov 2025
- Best Reel/Portfolio - 2025 RMU Senior Showcase
- Best Display - 2025 RMU Senior Showcase
- Dean's Scholarship in Media Innovation - 2023
- Top Emerging Artist Award Winner - 2023

Skills

- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver - 100+ dives with videography experience
- Creative Tools: Adobe Creative Suite - Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop
- Productivity: Google, Excel Services, Notion

References Available Upon Request

- Frank Pietrowski, Director of Building & Grounds, Sussex-Wantage School District
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- Katrina Silva, Former RMU Head Coach / Pittsburgh Premier Owner
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