

EUGENE RAPAY

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EDUCATION

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Bachelor of Arts: Communication, with a specialization in Journalism and a minor in Writing & Rhetoric

WORK EXPERIENCE

NEWSPAPERS

The Journal News/lohud.com, White Plains, NY **Sept. 2019 – Present**

- Cover Iona College basketball and high school sports in a coverage area of more than 70 schools
- Responsible for high school soccer, football, volleyball and girls tennis in the fall, wrestling and basketball in the winter, then softball, baseball and boys tennis in the spring
- Write news stories, profiles, features, FAQs, and enterprise stories on college and high school players/teams, trending sports topics

The Rivertowns Enterprise Newspaper, Dobbs Ferry, NY **Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2019**

- Produced game stories and features on high school football, boys' basketball, baseball, and girls' lacrosse
- Member of a 3-person staff that was awarded second place out of 156 participating newspapers for "Best Sports Coverage" in annual contest by the New York Press Association (NYPA) in April 2018

DIGITAL

VU Hoops, <http://www.vuhoops.com> **June 2017 – Present**

- Reporter and editor of SBNation.com affiliate that focuses on Villanova men's basketball
- Create and edit content for the site, as well as perform administrative duties while recruiting and mentoring new writers
- Was also producer, editor and co-host of a weekly-ranked podcast by Pod-O-Matic and Apple Podcasts from 2016-21

The Knicks Wall, <http://theknickswall.com> **Sept. 2018 – Present**

- Staff news writer — put together game recaps, previews, breaking news stories, and columns on the New York Knicks.

Big East Coast Bias, <http://www.bigeastcoastbias.com> **Aug. 2016 – Sept. 2022**

- Staff writer for SBNation.com affiliate centered around Big East conference college basketball
- Published profiles, preview, recaps and articles analyzing players and teams from the conference

The Bench Mob, <http://www.vubenchmob.com> **Nov. 2013 – Oct. 2017**

- Founder/editor – took care of administrative duties and social media, while producing and editing content for the website
- Built a platform that gained credibility to earn credentials for NCAA events and games
- Oversaw and mentored a staff of new and young writers, teaching them AP style and proper sports reporting habits such as writing on deadline, interviewing, social media tips and organizing articles

City of Basketball Love, <http://www.cityofbasketballlove.com> **June 2015 – June 2016**

- Writing intern responsible for covering Division I Philadelphia-area college, high school and AAU basketball
- Covered the 2018 Division I Men's Basketball Tournament Final Four in San Antonio

SKILLS

- Podcasting
- Social Media
- Adobe Photoshop/Premiere
- AP Style
- Microsoft Office
- Photography
- Technologically Savvy
- Video Producing/Editing
- Work under pressure

ACTIVITIES

U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) member **Nov. 2015 – Present**

WXVU 89.1 Villanova Radio, Villanova PA **Nov. 2012 – May 2016**

- Weekly music and talk show host, as well as commentator for Villanova basketball and football games

Villanova Athletics/Nova Nation All-Access, Villanova PA **Sept. 2015 – Apr. 2016**

- Videographer and producer of online content for the Villanova University athletic department