

NICHOLAS J. MCGRANE

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EDUCATION

Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN 2020 – 2024
Double Major, Film and Communication | Magna Cum Laude | Dean's List
GPA: 3.86

Software Skills:

Adobe Premiere, DaVinci Resolve, Final Cut Pro, AVID, Adobe Affect Effects, Adobe Audition, Ableton Live

Awards and Honors:

2023 & 2025 Upper Midwest Student Production Awards – National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

- "For the Sake of a Single Poem with George Maurer" Video Essay
- "Diverse Bodies, Beautiful Minds: Voices of Disability Activism" Public Affairs/Community Service
- "Dónde Vive" Non-fiction

2023 Twin Cities Film Fest - Film Fellowship

Certifications:

FAA Part 107 - Remote Pilot License

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Video & Film Creative May 2023 - present
NJM Productions LLC
Hired by production companies and a diverse set of businesses to work individually and collaboratively as a director, cinematographer, producer, editor and drone pilot

Video Production Specialist August 2022 – May 2024
SJU Instructional Technology, Collegeville, MN
Produced and directed a wide variety of video and audio projects in studio space
Assembling and overseeing production teams while teaching editing and basic camera skills

Documentary Filmmaker January 2022 – May 2024
Extending the Link
Core leader of a long-standing student organization that creates award-winning documentaries highlighting under-reported global social justice issues.

Camera Operator & Editor February 2023 – April 2023
The 400 Company, London, UK
Provided support on location shoots for feature documentary projects with BBC and SKY Arts
Assisted in post-production organization

Video Production Intern June 2022 – August 2022
Blue Key Media, Edina, MN
Performed all stages of production for professional client and internal projects
Led editing of social media promotional videos

Production Assistant & Editor May 2021 – August 2021
Content Machine, LLC, St. Paul, MN
Assisted with production and editing of short videos and advertisements

VOLUNTEERING

Study Abroad Alumni

2023 – 2024

CSB/SJU Center of Global Education, St. Joseph, MN

Shared experience as an advocate for students exploring study aboard programs at CSB/SJU

Kids Counselor

2016 – 2022

Family Fest Ministries, Bloomington, MN

Led programming for children's ministry at summer and winter multi-denominational family camps

Vision Team Member

2017

Common Hope, Antigua, Guatemala

Spent one week in Guatemala building a house, visiting families and packing food

Tennis Coach

2017 – 2019

Inner-City Tennis, Minneapolis, MN

Academy of Holy Angels, Richfield, MN

Volunteered for developmental sessions teaching elementary and middle school aged youth tennis skills and values

ACTIVITIES

Member, Johnnie Bennie Media, advised and participated in student production teams for video and audio projects

Composer & Producer, produced musical projects individually and collaboratively with variety of artists

Member, Club Ultimate Frisbee Team, Saint John's University

Team Captain, Varsity Tennis - 2019 Honorable Mention All-Conference. Elected 2020 Captain by teammates

Midfielder, Varsity Soccer - State Champions, 2019 Minnesota State High School Class A