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## • DETAILS •

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## • SKILLS •

Teamwork

Leadership

Interpersonal Communication

Problem Solving

Analytical Thinking Skills

Time Management Skills

## • PROFILE •

Motivated and passionate student athlete with a strong commitment to actionable service and justice with the intention of gaining admission into a renowned University.

## • VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY •

### • Founder and President at Equal Play, Baltimore, MD

Feb 2024

Equal Play ([www.equalplayforall.org](http://www.equalplayforall.org)) is a nonprofit organization I founded as a charitable organization to provide direct services to those in need. This organization is located in Baltimore City, Maryland and has a mission to collect used sports equipment for the purposes of donation to underprivileged youth in the marginalized communities of Baltimore. The sports equipment donation drives and offerings provided by this organization were created in direct response to an understanding of under-served communities in Baltimore City, combined with my desire to give back to the community in a way that is personal to me.

- Created the Equal Play Mission Statement focused on giving kids the chance to participate and benefit from the same sports opportunities that shaped me and granted me experience in resilience, teamwork, leadership, and discipline.
- Created the Equal Play Business Plan outlining the nonprofit's mission, objectives and strategy to provide donated sports equipment to underprivileged youth. This plan covers: the market analysis, marketing plan, partner strategies, and effectiveness tracking activities.
- Struck Business Development Partnerships for sports equipment drives with Loyola Blakefield and Coppermine, both of which have direct relationships with athletes who have used sports equipment to donate.
- Struck Business Development Partnership with ABC Park Seminoles Sports Agency which has ties to local Baltimore communities and avenues to distribute the collected sports equipment directly to community members.
- Submitted my business project plan to a mentor at Loyola Blakefield for the purpose of gaining feedback and advice.
- Scheduled mid-October visit a Baltimore community where donations will be made in order to meet community members and hear what they need to help shape my future equipment collections.
- Planning for my first equipment collection drive at the end of the Fall Sports season at Loyola Blakefield and Coppermine Soccer Club.

### • Service & Justice Certificate Program Participant at Loyola Blakefield High School, Towson, MD

Feb 2024 — May 2026

Loyola Blakefield's Certificate Program is an optional program for students to complete a course of study and earn a certificate in a specific area. I was excepted into the Service & Justice Certificate Program at the end of my Sophomore year. Within the framework of the program, participants identify and practice their passions through targeted coursework, co-curricular activities, and real-world applications outside of the classroom.

- Applied and accepted into the Service & Justice program, Spring 2024.
- Focused my self-directed curriculum on direct service for marginalized people and exploring how these issues are addressed by society.
- Requirements of the certificate include: completing 3.5 credits of approved coursework, direct service with social justice non-profit organizations through

required service-learning courses, and must be active, engaged participants in at least one extracurricular/co-curricular activity or experiences.

- Pitched to my advisor my real-world application for service and justice, my Equal Play Nonprofit organization.
- Selected courses with a focus on economic and social inequities present in society: HIST 434-The Civil War Era (Junior Yr), THEO 437-Catholic Social Thought (Junior Yr), HIST 334-American Experience: Government & Recent Issues (Junior Yr), THEO 435-Ethical Decisions (Senior Yr).

• **Camp Counselor (Volunteer) at Camp Umoja, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Towson, MD**

Jul 2025 — Jul 2025

Camp Umoja is a summer day camp for children ages 6 to 11 from Baltimore City Public Housing. The camp offers daily swimming lessons, arts and crafts, and a tutoring. As a volunteer counselor I provided campers with supervision and fellowship. Umoja, which means “unity” in Swahili, has special meaning for the camp by bringing high school students and young children together. This camp strengthened my understanding of direct service watching campers gain academic skills from my tutoring, and the joy they found from the camp activities and fellowship.

- Responsible for a group of 1-2 elementary school students each day.
- Facilitated their participation in camp activities, to include art and swimming.
- Provided one-on-one tutoring support in global studies.

• **Title Member of Justice Summit at Loyola Blakefield High School, Towson, MD**

Jan 2025 — Apr 2025

The Loyola Blakefield Justice Summit schedules an entire school day and evening for our community to address various societal challenges for the purposes of satisfying the mission of putting our faith into action. As a Title Member of the 2025 Justice Summit, I was responsible for researching and inviting various speakers pertaining to the theme of our summit. In 2025 our theme explored the Universal Apostolic Preference "Caring for Our Common Home." The Society of Jesus describes the goal of this preference as being able to, "Live with a new horizon... of a renewed and transformed world and ecosystem where we are all brothers and sisters, responsible to each other."

- Planning, Title Member of the 2025 Justice Summit - Caring for our Common Home.
- Responsible for planning the summit events, along with a group of 15 others.
- Participated in identifying speakers for the summit and planning the day's events.
- Event activities included:
  - All-school keynote address from Stephen Ritz, award-winning film documentarian.
  - Over 30 breakout sessions led by students, faculty, and local partners -- breakout sessions included stories of justice in action from organizations like the Jesuit Ethical Purchasing Alliance, Chesapeake Bay Conservancy, Maryland Zoo, Loyola University Center for Service and Justice, a representative of Mr. Trash Wheel who will speak on the organization's impact in Baltimore City, as well as many others.
  - Student-led Prayer Service.
  - Evening meet-and-greet with Stephen Ritz and other panelists at a screening of his documentary, Generation Growth.

• **Student Tutor and Mentor (Volunteer) at SAFE Center, Towson, MD**

Nov 2024 — May 2026

SAFE Center helps students from under-served communities achieve academic success by partnering with local high schools to provide students with hands-on after school learning. As a tutor I met with a group of middle school students each week where I provided both tutoring and fellowship watching movies and eating dinner.

- Responsible for tutoring up to 10 middle school students each session, up to twice a month.

- Provided tutoring in reading comprehension and writing.
- Got to know students more personally during movies and dinner, which provided us a chance to bond.

#### Junior Camp Counselor (Paid) at Coppermine Fieldhouse, Baltimore, MD

Jun 2021 — Aug 2021

Coppermine's Jr Counselor Camp provides counselors hands-on experience in a supervised setting for participants to learn about counseling and mentoring from experienced child development leaders. Junior counselors work directly with senior counselors and staff, demonstrating character development skills in leadership, while promoting positivity and assisting younger campers each day.

- Responsible for signing in campers each day.
- Coached and led activities for a different group of 15 campers aged 7 to 11 years. Activities included: flag football, soccer, art activities.
- Supported lunch time ensuring each camper was attended to.
- Formed bonds with younger campers, improving their overall camp experience.
- Learned patience, importance of strong communication, leadership, problem-solving and teamwork skills, building confidence in my abilities as a coach and mentor.

## EDUCATION

#### College Preparatory, Loyola Blakefield High School, Towson, MD

Aug 2022 — May 2026

- Will graduate with a Service and Justice Certificate.
- Title Member of the Justice Summit Committee, 2025 and 2026.
- Member of the Business Club, Leading the Real Estate Track, 2023-2026.
- Program Director/Coordinator, Sports Analytics Club, 2025 and 2026.
- Member of JV Soccer Team, 2022 and 2023. Won MIAA A JV Championship, 2023.
- Member of Varsity Soccer Team, 2024 and 2025. Won MIAA A Varsity Championship, 2024. Currently ranked #2 in the MIAA A League.
- Member, Boosters Club, 2023-2026.
- Member of Coppermine 2007 Academy MLS Next Soccer Academy, Sept 2014-May 2026. E64 National Semifinalists, 2023. Maryland State Cup Champions, 2025.

## REFERENCES

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