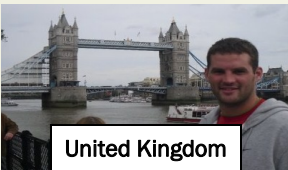


## Global Awareness

For the past five years, I have spent at least one month of each year outside the United States. My passion for traveling and immersing myself in different cultures has provided a broad and unique perspective on the world. Whether it be for athletic, academic, or personal/leisure purposes; my travel experiences have contributed to a more comprehensive and mature understanding of tourism, hospitality, sport, and recreation.

### Pictures from 2009 Summer



United Kingdom



Italy



Spain

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## Industry Experience

My professional interest is community recreation, with a specific passion and concentration in youth athletics and development. My internship and employment experiences not only enhanced the skills needed for professional success, but also reflect such enthusiasm for the field of sport and recreation.

Since July of 2007 I have been employed by the Temple University Office of Special Events. My responsibilities include aiding in the planning, organization, and development of various University-sponsored events including Commencement and Convocation, alumni receptions and awards

dinners, and numerous athletic events. I have accrued over 800 hours of employment experience, through which I refined and improved essential communication, organizational, and creative abilities. The professional dexterity I gained through my employment is practical and functional beyond event planning, and the skills I developed are transferable to virtually any industry, especially event-oriented industries like sport and recreation.

I also completed a 180 hour internship with Haverford Parks and Recreation in the Spring of 2009. Working directly with the Assistant Director of Recreation, I



rotated through various departments (Facilities Management, Program Coordination, Registration, Promotion, etc.) in order to recognize and understand the various responsibilities of leaders within the community recreation industry. During my internship, the township was in the process installing a new community-owned 130,000 square foot synthetic turf field (pictured below). The field is part of a planned 45-acre intergenerational active recreation complex which will include an indoor recreation/environmental facility. These developments enhanced my internship experience, and provided a opportunity to learn how industry professionals work collaboratively with local and regional residents, government, and public officials to provide dynamic recreational opportunities.



Schematic Designs for Proposed Recreation/Environmental Center

## Personal Accomplishments

In 2006, I was selected to the USA National Rugby Development team. Over the next three years, I traveled domestically and internationally playing rugby against elite competition, including two world championships in Belfast (2007) and Wrexham (2008). As a player I was able to examine organizational and business related aspects of US Rugby, and compare it with the operations of countries all along the international rugby spectrum.

These strict travel requirements, combined with

the personal responsibility of maintaining a high level of physical fitness, required me to manage time wisely and instilled in me the importance teamwork and personal accountability.



World Championships 2008

## Research Experience

In the Spring of 2008, I was successful in my application for a Temple Undergraduate Research Incentive Fund scholarship award. The award enabled me to travel to Italy to study the marketing of minority sports, focusing primarily on rugby. This opportunity enhanced my understanding of research methodology and furthered my interest in both research and an academic career.

In the Spring of 2009 I was awarded the Diamond Peer Teacher scholarship, a competitive pro-

gram that offers a semester long funded teaching experience under the direction of a faculty mentor. During this process I observed and aided my teaching mentor in the preparation of material for a course titled "Leadership". I attended class lectures to understand how the information was conveyed, provided tutorial and other support to students, and prepared for and taught sections of several classes myself. This experience motivated me to apply for another research project

in order to substantiate my growing academic interest.

In the Summer of 2009 I was successful in my application to Temple's Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship program. This award provided support for me to conduct research in the United States and Europe on the development and integration of rugby into American youth recreation, and it's effect on the safety and financial opportunities of rugby as a global sport.