

# BENJAMIN DRAPER

## SPORTS JOURNALIST

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### SUMMARY

Versatile Sports Journalist who is proficient in researching, writing, and editing diverse sports content. I Work with minimal input to produce engaging, authoritative, and error-free work. Exceptional storyteller and interviewer with extensive experience in delivering captivating visual, written, and online pieces. Independent and communicative with superior performance in remote environments. Effortlessly coordinates sports content across multiple platforms.

### SKILLS

- Reference Research
- Story and Content Idea Development
- Event and Story Coverage
- Project Coordination
- Great communicator
- Reliable
- Hard working
- Team-player
- Well Mannered

## EDUCATION

### LA FERIA HIGH SCHOOL- LA FERIA, TX

| 2015-2019 |

High School Diploma

### TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY- SAN MARCOS, TX

| 08/2019-05/2020 |

Majoring in Mass Communications &  
Journalism

### OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY- NORFOLK, VA

| 09/2021- Current |

Majoring in Media Studies with a  
minor in Sports Management

## EXPERIENCE

### Sales Associate | 07/2020 – 07/2021

Food Lion- Manassas, VA

- Helped customers find specific products, answered questions, and offered product advice.
- Arranged new merchandise with signage and appealing displays to encourage customer sales and move overstock items.
- Built and maintained relationships with peers and upper management to drive team success.

### Streaming Production Worker | 09/2021 – Current

Old Dominion Esports- Norfolk, VA

- Set up and operated production equipment according to daily work orders.
- Examined final products for conformance with quality and design standards.

### Sports Editor | 09/2021- Current

Mace & Crown- Norfolk, VA

- Reported real-time pre- and post-game coverage of sporting events.
- Monitored daily sporting events and issues to discuss and report pertinent news.
- Drove stronger approaches to sports coverage, memorable enterprise, and agile service journalism.

# AWARDS & HONORS

## FRESHMAN YR | LA FERIA HS

- Top 25% of Class
- Student Council Representative/15hrs/32weeks
- CPR Certified
- JV Baseball 1<sup>st</sup> Baseman/12hrs/12 weeks
- Freshman Football Outside LB/10hrs/12weeks

## SOPHOMORE YR | LA FERIA HS

- Top 25% of Class
- Student Council Representative
- Certified in Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint
- Varsity Golf Team
  - Earned 9 medals/awards throughout the Golf Season
  - Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in District Tournament
- UIL Journalism/8hrs/18weeks
  - Regional Team Qualifier Editorial Writing
  - District Team Champion
  - District Runner up Editorial Writing
  - District 6<sup>th</sup> place Feature Writing
  - Earned 15 medals/awards throughout the UIL Season

## JUNIOR YR | LA FERIA HS

- Top 25% of Class
- Student Council Representative/15hrs/32weeks
- Yearbook Treasurer and Staff Member/60hrs/all year
- Varsity Golf Team/15hrs/all year
  - 32 4A Regional Qualifier
  - District Champion
  - 32 4A 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District Member
  - Earned 14 medals/awards throughout the Golf season
- UIL Journalism/15hrs/32weeks
  - Team Captain
  - Regional Qualifier News and Editorial Writing
  - District Champion News Writing
  - District Champion Editorial Writing
  - District 6<sup>th</sup> place Feature Writing
  - Earned 10 medals/awards throughout the UIL Season
- Powder Puff Cheer Co-Captain/5hrs/4weeks

## SENIOR YR | LA FERIA HS

- Graduating with Honors
- Yearbook Editor in Chief/100hrs/all year
- UIL Journalism Captain/15hrs/32 weeks
- Team Captain
- Regional Qualifier News and Editorial Writing
- District Champion News Writing
- District Champion Editorial Writing
- District 3rd place Feature Writing, 3rd place Headline writing, 2nd place Copy Editing
- Finished with 22 total awards throughout the UIL season
- Varsity Golf Team Member/15hrs/all year

- Finished with 19 total awards throughout golf season
- Environmental Club Member/5hrs/all year
- Powderpuff Cheer Co-Captain x2

## **Freshman Year | Texas State University**

- Majored in Mass Communications with a specialty to Journalism/Broadcasting
- Held a Sports Reporter position for the KTSW 89.9 station located on campus.
- Published 6 stories regarding Texas State Bobcats and San Marcos sports.
- Earned 18.0 credits for the year before transferring out

## **Freshman Year | Old Dominion University**

- Majoring in Media Studies with a minor in Sports Management
  - Sports Editor at the Mace and Crown (ODU Student Magazine) 2021-2022
- Published over 30 articles throughout the school year
- Doing Production and Broadcasting for ODU Esports teams