

Student Internship Profile



Nick Godin '18

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Nick Godin is spending his school year in hot Arizona – luckily for him, it's mostly spent inside the Arizona Coyotes' ice arena.

Nick is an intern with the Arizona Coyotes Foundation of the National Hockey League. He works every home game as game night staff, where he helps manage 50-50 operations and Community Corner silent auctions and assists in fan relations during the game.

"Recently, I was added to the Marketing Committee of the Arizona High School Hockey Association (AHSHA). I have been hired to run all digital marketing platforms, as well as outreach and fundraising campaigns. Essentially, the ultimate goal is to grow hockey throughout Arizona, focusing on the high school level. I'm one month in, and analytics have shown tremendous growth."

This isn't Nick's first impressive internship; he spent his summer as the marketing and event planning intern with the Travis Mills Foundation.

"That was one of the proudest work opportunities in my life," he said. "I have always had a tremendous amount of respect for the men and women who served this nation. To be able to work with one of the most respected military

foundations in the nation was such an honor. From working with quadruple amputee SSG Travis Mills, who is by all means an American hero and a true inspiration, as well as my boss and mentor Brandy Cain, who provided me with tremendous knowledge and opportunity, I would never trade that experience for anything else."

Nick, a Communications major at Thomas College, is from Hallowell, ME. He says he chose Thomas because he knew it would prepare him for success.

"I always knew what I wanted to do for a career," he said. "Making my college decision was not based on the social or the location aspect – it was ultimately based on which school was going to give me the platform to be 1) innovative and 2) successful in my career aspirations."

"As a senior at Thomas College, I can confidently say that Thomas has benefited me in every way I had hoped."

He gives this advice to future college students: "If a college, like Thomas, is willing to provide you with the platform to be successful, take advantage of that opportunity. Once you get there, it is up to you to create your success; but, there will be plenty of resources at Thomas to help you in that endeavor."

Nick said it's also been very beneficial that Thomas has allowed him to customize his experience to enable him to learn more about his interests and to reach his career aspirations.

When Nick isn't busy taking classes or completing awesome internships, he's managing one of the largest Boston Bruins fan communities on social media. The Twitter account, known as @BruinsDiehards, has more than 26,000 followers and gains on average 1-3 million impressions per month, said Nick.

He was able to create this with a friend, and it's grown drastically – so much so that they've been able to create the official Bruins Diehards blog, www.BruinsDiehards.com, and the Bruins Diehards podcast, produced by Williams Broadcasting and hosted by John Williams and Nick himself.

"Non-work related, I have picked up some new hobbies while out here in Arizona to keep me busy. I go boxing every day to keep myself in shape, which is a hobby I've grown to love. My boxing coaches are all professional boxers, so it's nice to learn from the best. Every Tuesday, I go to karaoke with my Uncle's in-laws, Nancy and Leo. And, I'm still a managing editor covering mixed martial arts, as well as still running Bruins Diehards and publishing new podcasts every week. As of right now, I call in to the show due to the distance. Also, I've managed to make many connections within the NHL and professional sports," said Nick when asked what he does in his personal time.

Nick's dream job is to work in the communications department of a professional sports organization, and he's already well on his way to achieving that dream.

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- Communications
- Leadership and Service
- Analytical Reasoning
- Community and Interpersonal Relations

Through the emphasis on these important competencies, our students develop leadership skills and effective communication skills, and they are committed to giving back to their communities.

We also strongly encourage our students to gain practical work experience through internships or jobs related to their field, and more than half of our graduates take advantage of the opportunity.

Career Services offers connections to area businesses looking for Thomas students to intern, but students like Nick are encouraged to take the steps needed to create an internship at the business of their choice.

The student and the business need to create a learning contract, fill out an employer evaluation form, and must be approved by the Chair of their education division.

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