# **ELLIOT THORNTON**

Sports enthusiast with experience managing and growing large social media platforms. Passionate about creating content that resonates with diverse audiences.

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### **EDUCATION**

#### UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA

Class of 2017 | B.A. in Communication Exercise & Sports Studies (ESS) Minor Publication: First College Football Playoffs Awards: Starting Lines Free Write Award

## **SKILLS**

Adobe Creative Suite

YouTube Studio

Twitter Studio/Twitter Advanced Search

CapCut/InShot Proficiency

Clippro/AvGen Programming

Crowdtangle/Trello Analytics

Falcon/Media Studio Programming

Daktronics/AdArt Video Display Systems

Statcrew/Genius Programming

Microsoft Office Suite

**Photography** 

Social Media Proficiency

**Employee Management** 

Strategic Planning

## FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

- -Videographer for Prep Baseball Report (PBR)
- -Sports Journalist for The Elk Grove Daily Citizen
- -Play-by-Play Commentator for KCSB 91.9 FM
- -Cohost on The Gaucho Sports Spot talkshow
  - -Sports Columnist for AthletiQA
- -Entertainment Beat Writer for The Bottomline

## **EXPERIENCE**

## Manager, B/R College Football

San Francisco, CA - July 2025 - present

- Oversee the B/R College Football brand, managing team and content coverage
- Direct on-site content and ideate elevated graphics for tentpole events
- Collaborate with Big 12 Conference and CFB on TNT studio show, delivering weekly insights to optimize content and partnerships

## Social Media Strategist, Bleacher Report

San Francisco, CA - May 2023 - present

- Led and executed live-game strategy for B/R National and College Football
- Produced IG Stories and strategy-led content for tentpole campaigns and brand storytelling
- Coordinated with design and analytics teams to test new content approaches

## Social Media Programmer II, Bleacher Report

San Francisco, CA - March 2020 - May 2023

- Crafted and programmed trend-driven content across B/R platforms
- Led production coverage and social distribution of all B/R-Live originated content
- Managed social coverage for March Madness account

## Social Media Production Assistant, Pac-12 Network

San Francisco, CA - August 2019 - present

- Curated and shared content on Pac-12 social media channels
- Executed live pre-game and post-game broadcasts on Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Provided university support and collaborated with social media teams across the Pac-12

## Athletics Media Relations Assistant, University of Pacific

Stockton, CA - January 2018 - August 2019

- Oversaw website and graphic content for UOP Athletics and supervised a team of 10 interns
- Boosted Instagram and Twitter followings for Water Polo, Softball, and Swim by 35%
- Launched the #DreamBig hashtag campaign for Water Polo

## Game Statistician, Stockton Kings

Stockton, CA - June 2018 - June 2019

- Primary statistician for Sacramento and Stockton Kings, including NBA Summer League
- Tracked game stats and managed play-by-play data with Genius Stats software

### Sports Journalist, UCSB Athletics/Daily Nexus

Santa Barbara, CA - March 2014 - June 2017

- Primary contact for Men's Basketball, Men's Tennis and Women's Soccer
- Wrote stories and conducted postgame interviews for assigned teams