

2011 WVU Sport Management Online Master's Degree Student Biographies



A.P. Brantley - A. P. Brantley "Coach A", Class Executive VP, Legal/Compliance Coach A is an education and sportainment consultant responsible for the legal/compliance aspects of the 6th CPASS Sport Marketing Group initiatives. Over the last decade, he has serviced entities and factions of the NBA, FIBA, NCAA, et alia. Brantley is single, 29, is a native of Detroit, MI.



Zach Collins - From Logan, OH, Zach graduated from The Ohio State University in 2009 with a communications degree. Upon graduation, Zach pursued a career in sports broadcast accepting a job for a local news station in Jackson, Mississippi as a photojournalist. After deciding that sport broadcast was not the career path for him, he decided to enroll in the Sport Management program at West Virginia University. Zach is currently a call center representative for a class action lawsuit claims administrator.



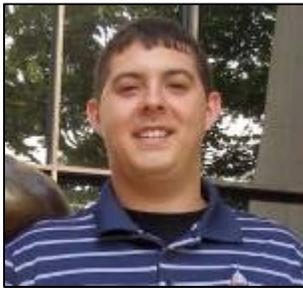
Pete Demorest - Originally from Edgerton, Ohio, Pete graduated from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana in 1998 with a degree in Communications Studies. Since then, he has worked in multiple fields including spending eight years as a Project Manager for various insurance restoration companies, spending one year working as a football coach and missionary in the Czech Republic, and is currently the Defensive Coordinator for the Taylor University football team. He is married and has three children.



Landon Farrell - From Charleston, WV, Landon graduated from West Virginia University in 2011 with a major in business management. After graduation, Landon decided to pursue a sports management masters degree to gain more experience in the business side of the sports industry. Landon is currently a full time student.



Tim Fekete - Tim Fekete is a Morgantown, West Virginia native, who has earned his Bachelor's degree in Communication studies from WVU and is currently working towards his Master's in Sports Management at WVU as well. Tim has a passion for youth sports and the community. Tim has been a certified umpire for ten years, and has also been officiating basketball for the previous five years. If Tim is not officiating, he is playing in competitive softball, basketball, and flag football leagues. Tim currently works for United BioSource, a late stage pharmaceutical company as a program coordinator, managing patient cases and working closely with sales representatives to ensure all shipments and paperwork are properly forward to the correct medical offices. Tim also has experience management experience in the grocery business, along with experience in construction retail. Once complete with the Master's in Sports Management program Tim hopes to find success in a Facility Management roles, either in a university recreation position or running a Boys and Girls Club or YMCA.



Sean Foy - From Poolesville, Maryland, Sean graduated from West Virginia University in 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism as well as a Minor in Communications. Sean has a wide variety of experience in sports including working as a Student Manager for the West Virginia University Men's Basketball Team and working for Adidas at the 2011 U.S Open. Sean currently works in Outdoor Operations at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in Bethesda, Maryland.



Kenny Hardy - From Provo, Utah. Graduated from Utah Valley University with a degree in Business Management. Currently "working" as a 3rd year law student at the University of Wyoming school of Law in Laramie, WY. Extra curricular activities include spending time with wife and 4 children. Have done two internships with both Wyoming and Brigham Young University compliance departments. After graduating from Law school, and WVU with the Masters in Sports Management degree, hope to get a job in a compliance department at a DI school with future aspirations of becoming an athletic director.



Elinor Hurt - From Salisbury, NC, Elinor graduated from Duke University in 2009 with a double major of Political Science and Psychology. Upon graduation, Elinor began working with Duke Athletic Development. She is currently serving as the Assistant Director of the Iron Dukes Annual Fund.



Ian Johnston - From Eighty-Four, PA, Ian graduated from West Virginia University in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Sport Management and a minor in Sport and Exercise psychology. Before attending WVU, Ian served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Turkey, Guam, and Japan. He is currently working at Monongalia General Hospital in the logistics department.



Nikki Kaplan - From Bellaire, Ohio Nikki graduated from Marietta College in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Advertising and Public Relations. Upon graduation, Nikki began working in marketing before gaining an opportunity with West Virginia University Athletic Department. She currently serves as an assistant within WVU's Compliance Office.



Drew Maynard - Drew Maynard was born and raised in Charlottesville, Virginia. After graduating from Albemarle High School, Drew chose to attend Bridgewater College. At Bridgewater, Drew played on the basketball team and graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education. Currently, Drew teaches Physical Education at Crozet Elementary School and is an Assistant Boy's Basketball Coach back at Albemarle High School in Central Virginia. Drew is working towards his Master's degree in Sport Management from WVU in hopes of pursuing a job as an Athletic Director.



Steve Paskorz - Stephen T. Paskorz was born August 5, 1988. He is the oldest of three children born to Stephen and Lisa Paskorz of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. He has a brother Jordan, a sophomore at the University of Michigan and a sister Paige, a junior at Hampton High School. Stephen graduated with honors from Hampton High School in 2007. It was there he played 3 sports, lettering in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. Stephen excelled in football and earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. At the University of Notre Dame, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration majoring in marketing. While Stephen attended classes at the Mendoza College of Business the program was ranked the number one business school in 2010 and 2011 by Bloomberg BusinessWeek. On the football field he played both fullback and linebacker, earning two varsity monograms. He decided to continue his education here at West Virginia University pursuing a Master's Degree in Sports Management while also playing his fifth year of football.



Dwaine Tinling - Dwaine is President of T.P.S. Inc. a sports management company with a view to the Asia-Pacific market. After studying Physical Education and Business Studies at the University of Winnipeg, he obtained a degree in the field of Sports Management at Bemidji State University. His experience includes working for the University of Manitoba, Bemidji State University, and at North Carolina State University. In addition, Dwaine is a Certified Canadian Football League Contract Advisor, and he has been employed in professional football, baseball, basketball, and hockey, including the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes. Dwaine is currently a Professor in the Department of Liberal Arts at Sungkyul University in South Korea. Sports Management is his passion, along with franchise management, particularly operations and branding. His research focus is marketing, ticket sales and sponsorship management relative to the Pan-Asian diaspora.



Ronnie Wideman - From Seattle, WA, Ronnie graduated from Washington State University in 2006 with a degree in Kinesiology along with a health and fitness teaching certificate. Upon graduation, Ronnie took a full-time position with the men's basketball team at WSU, serving in the role of director of basketball operations. In 2009, he was hired in a similar role at the University of Virginia where he currently works and resides. Ronnie's career goals include earning his master's degree from WVU, and becoming an associate athletic director of a Division I athletic program.