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Education

University of Mary Washington Fredericksburg, VA

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Neuroscience

May 2022

- Major GPA: 3.68
- Cumulative GPA: 3.61

Research Experience

Research Assistant

June 2022 – August 2023

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Matthew Gfeller Center | Center for the Study of Retired Athletes
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
PI: Jason Mihalik, PhD

Research Coordinator

August 2023 – Present

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Matthew Gfeller Center | Center for the Study of Retired Athletes
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
PI: Wesley Cole, PhD

Presentations

Pupillary Light Response Alterations Are Associated With Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Recency In Soldiers. 2023 American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. May 30-June 2, 2023.

Learning to Like Vegetables and Donuts: Early Feeding Practices Predicts a Preference for All Types of Food. 2022 Association of Psychological Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. May 26-29, 2022.

Food Choices Throughout the Life Span: a Parent and Child Study. 2022 University of Mary Washington Research Symposium, Fredericksburg, VA.

The Role of Extroversion and Social Media Use in Well-Being and Social Distancing

During the Late COVID-19 Pandemic. 2021 University of Mary Washington
Research Symposium, Fredericksburg, VA

Abstracts

Finegan A., Sirhal S., Powell J., Chandler M., Cole W., Register-Mihalik J., DeLellis S., Kane S., Means G., Mihalik J. **Pupillary Light Response Alterations Are Associated With Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Recency In Soldiers.** 2023 American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. May 30-June 2, 2023.

Sirhal S, Finegan A, Chandler M, Sinnott A, Cole W, Register-Mihalik J, DeLellis S, Kane S, Means G, Mihalik JP. **Relationship Between MTBI History And Depressive Symptoms Among Special Operations Forces Soldiers.** 2023 American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. May 30-June 2, 2023.

Awards and Accolades

Presidential Scholarship (2018-2022, \$4,500/semester) | The University of Mary Washington
UMW Psi Chi Honor Society (*Inducted Fall 2020*)
UMW Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society (*Inducted Spring 2021*)
UMW Dean's List (2019-2022)
Coastal Athletic Conference All-Academic Team (2018-2019)
Coast to Coast Athletic Conference All-Academic Team (2020-2021)

Certifications and Licensure

Mental Health First Aider
UNC Safe Zone ALLY
UNC HAVEN (Helping Advocated for Ending Violence Now) Training
UNC Green Zone Military Student Aid Training

Volunteer and Service Experience

Old Dominion Humane Society

Additional Skills & Information

Technical Skills

SPSS, R & R Studio, RedCAP, Qualtrics, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite

Athletic Awards

Division III Athlete - University of Mary Washington Varsity Volleyball
(2018-2021)

Team Captain - University of Mary Washington Varsity Volleyball (2021)

2nd Team All-Conference - Coast to Coast Conference (Fall 2021)

Offensive Player of the Week - Coast to Coast Conference (Fall 2021)

All-Tournament Team – Coast to Coast Championship (Fall 2021)