

Ryan Kipness

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Summary

Detail-oriented and creative media professional with experience in sports production, content creation, producing, and brand storytelling. As an NCAA Division I student-athlete, developed strong leadership, communication, and time management skills while balancing rigorous academics and athletics. Driven to work in live sports and engage audiences through compelling narratives, visual storytelling, and strategic media outreach.

Skills

Technical Directing, Camera Operator, Producing, Adobe Premiere Pro, Cinematography, Filmmaking, Directing, Screenwriting, Crew Management, Post-Production

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Film & Media Studies | Columbia University | New York, NY | May 2025

Honors & Achievements: Dean's List (Fall 2022 and Fall 2025)

Relevant Coursework: Video Essay, Film Production & Editing, Digital Production, Fiction Filmmaking, Documentary Filmmaking, Screenwriting, TV Writing, Acting, Film & Media Theory

Work & Leadership

New Haven Athletics | Technical Director, Producer and Camera Operator | Fall 2025

- Served as technical director and producer for six live football and volleyball broadcasts
- Coordinated and communicated with a 10-person production crew to ensure smooth, well-paced live streams
- Operated broadcast cameras for multiple live football games, capturing in-game action and key moments

Athlete Feature | New Haven Athletics | Fall 2025

- Produced, filmed, edited, and conducted interviews for New Haven Athletics
- Documentary-style athlete feature, spotlighting a student-athlete's experience playing soccer in a foreign country

The Valley Beneath Us | Production Assistant | Summer 2025

- Provided support to 15 person crew of an independent feature film, assisting with on-set tasks such as supply runs, craft services, and camera support

Columbia Men's Soccer Team | NCAA Division I Student-Athlete (2021-2025)

- Selected by coaching staff all four years to serve on the **Leadership Committee** which represents the team on and off the field and in discussions with coaches and administration
- Balanced 20+ hours per week of training, competition, travel, and academics, demonstrating discipline and time management
- Assisted in leading Team IMPACT for Columbia Men's Soccer, facilitating meaningful connections between the team and children facing serious illnesses and disabilities
- **Teammate of the year Award (2024-25 season):** Recognized for leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication

Duplicity | Independent Mini-Series | Fall 2024

- Produced, co-wrote, and edited a three episode miniseries - 5-minute melodramatic shorts about two feuding college roommates shot on a Panasonic Lumix G7
- Managed an eight person cast and crew and directed the second episode

Church and Forevermore | Short Documentary | Director and Editor (Oct 2024)

- Produced and directed a short documentary highlighting a couple and a historic church in New York City
- Focused on natural, intimate moments to convey emotional and spiritual experiences
- Managed a small crew and conducted location scouting

Youth Athletic Soccer trainer | Private & NYC Soccer Academy | (Summer 2021-2024)

- Led summer training sessions for young athletes, developing technical skills, conditioning, and game strategy

CreatorCut, NY | Content Creator & Editor | (Summer 2023)

- Collected and analyzed creator subscriber and viewership data across all major social media platforms
- Researched and identified potential social media/YouTube/video creators to collaborate with platform