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Giuseppe Franco “Joey” Pagano is a research assistant at the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University, He is passionate about addressing human rights issues, especially economic, political, social and cultural issues facing people with disabilities.

He has experience in research centers focused on the economic and social independence of people with disabilities and disability-inclusive education and in the New York State Senate. An award-winning writer, he has had articles published on Syracuse.com, Yahoo, and other publications.

EXPERIENCE

Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University — *Research Asst.*

October 2022 – Present

- Develop research on supported decision making and employment
- Draft plain language materials, like research and policy briefs
- Wrote content, organized 400 publications and coordinated visuals during website redesign
- Write social media posts/manage accounts
- Complete research tasks

Syracuse.com/The Post Standard, Syracuse, NY — *Columnist*

May 2021– June 2023

- Wrote guest opinion pieces about disability and other cultural issues
- Use local happenings, events, and initiatives as foundation for articles

NYS Senate (Mannion), Remote — *Legislative Correspondent*

January 2022 – May 2023

- Drafted social media posts, awards, and replies to constituent emails
- Wrote multiple op-eds on behalf of the senator, including a piece about access to dentistry for people with I/DD
- Manage website
- Intern: January - June 2022

Taishoff Center, Syracuse University — *Student Marketing Asst.*

July 2021 – September 2021

- Designed flyers, using Syracuse University brand kit, in Adobe Suite
- Designed 37-page report using information from supervisors
- Wrote news stories posted to Syracuse University News

EDUCATION

School of Education, Syracuse University

June 2021 – July 2022

- Cultural Foundations of Education, MS & Disability Studies, CAS
- GPA: 3.9

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syr. Univ.

July 2018 – May 2021

- Magazine, BS
- GPA: 3.5 (Cum Laude)

STRENGTHS

Teamwork

Persistence

Empathy

DIGITAL SKILLS

WordPress

Microsoft Office

Adobe Suite

Google Apps Suite

SKILLS

Public Policy

Social Media Management

Fact Checking

Argumentative Writing

AWARDS

Column Writing

1st Place - Regional

Mark of Excellence

Society of Prof Journalists

Spring 2022

Opinion Writing

1st Place

Clips & Clicks

Associated Collegiate Press

Spring 2021