

# Ryan Williams-Abrams

Filmmaker, Storyteller, Political Activist

E-Portfolio: <https://ryanwilliamsabrams.wixsite.com/portfolio/film-portfolio1>

## EXPERIENCE

### **Park Portable Equipment Center and Services, Ithaca, NY — Pro Manager**

PRO MANAGER: JAN 2024- PRESENT | ASSISTANT MANAGER: AUG 2023 - DEC 2023 | PRO: JAN 2023 - MAY 2023 | REGULAR: AUG 2022 - DEC 2022

Manage and oversee checkout/delivery operations of film, photography, and audio equipment. Oversee and manage staff daily operations and personnel decisions/schedules. Instruct workshops with students to certify knowledge and ability. Provide excellent customer service.

### **Glenelg Country School, Ellicott City, MD — Lead Summer Camp Counselor**

JUNE-JULY 2023

Present campers with new and exciting activities to align with their weekly theme: Forest Adventures, Author, Graphic Novel, and Journalism. Create and direct schedules for groups of 20+ campers through indoor/outdoor activities.

### **FIFTH SEASON, Baltimore, MD — Production Assistant**

JULY 2022 - AUGUST 2022

Provide production assistant services on the set of *Lady in the Lake*, directed by Alma Har'el and starring Natalie Portman. Maintain active and consistent radio communication with first team crew members while managing a smooth set.

### **Impact Research, Columbia, MD — Research Assistant**

JUNE 2021 - JULY 2021

Collect seatbelt safety information during roadside inspections across the state of Maryland. Use data collection tools to provide accurate statistics for Maryland State Governmental policy initiatives. Cooperate with colleagues to facilitate research.

## EDUCATION

### **Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY — Cinema and Photography, B.S.**

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2025

Leadership Scholarship Recipient, Oracle Honor Society Inductee, politics minor and student cinematographer/filmmaker. On track to graduate May, 2025. GPA: 4.0

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## ORGANIZATIONS

### **RiseUp Maryland - Director**

Co-founded a state-wide political group focused on connecting young people to their local government.

### **B and Dee's Baltimore Love - Volunteer.**

Packaged and distributed over 500 lunches to those in need in Baltimore during the holidays. Worked with families in struggling communities.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ithaca and Tompkins County - Volunteer.**

Led assigned child through fun activities/events and established a mentorship for emotional-behavioral learning.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/RELEVANT OCCUPATIONS

### **Marriotts Ridge High School — Baseball Summer Camp Counselor**

JUNE 2018 - JUNE 2021

Coordinate with Varsity Baseball Coaches to manage summer baseball camps of 50+ young athletes (5th-8th Grade). Organize daily structure for rotations and group activities. Work with individual student athletes to provide feedback.

### **Ithaca College Leadership Scholar Program**

AUGUST 2021 - Present

Work within the greater Ithaca community on various projects, including facilitation of a book drive and providing tech support to local senior citizens.

### **Private Baseball Lessons**

JUNE 2018 - JUNE 2021

Coach young players (Ages 10-15) on baseball skills with one-on-one training programs. Transport players to/from training sessions. Provide constructive feedback.

## PROJECTS

### ***Eat My Heart Out (2024) — Director of Photography, Producer***

Blackmagic Ursa Mini Pro - Advanced Cinema Production - Ithaca College - Pendleton Grant Recipient

### ***Or Best Offer (2024) — Director of Photography***

Blackmagic Ursa Mini Pro - Senior Thesis Project - Ithaca College

### ***Where the Light Cannot Reach (2023) — Director, Executive Producer***

Blackmagic Ursa Mini Pro - Independent Student Film - Ithaca College

### ***Speck (2023) — Director of Photography***

RED Weapon - T2 Cine Prime Lenses - Senior Thesis Project - Ithaca College

### ***A Rushed Ending (2023) — Director of Photography***

Blackmagic Ursa - Angenieux Zoom Lens - Senior Thesis Project - Ithaca College

### ***Spin Cycle (2023) — Director of Photography***

Sony FX6 - Rokinon Prime Cine Lenses - Cinema Production 2 Project - Ithaca College

### ***Anachronism (2023) — Director of Photography***

Sony FX6 - Rokinon Prime Cine Lenses - Cinema Production 2 Project - Ithaca College

### ***Cherry Honey (2022) — Director of Photography***

Sony FX6 - Rokinon Prime Cine Lenses - Cinema Production 2 Project - Ithaca College

### ***Expired (2022) — Director of Photography***

Sony FX6 - Rokinon Prime Cine Lenses - Cinema Production 2 Project - Ithaca College

### ***The Star and the Black Space Around It (2022) — Assistant Camera***

Sony FX6 - Rokinon Prime Cine Lenses - Senior Thesis Project - Ithaca College

### ***Defy Dance Company Promos (2022-2024) — Director of Photography***

Blackmagic Pocket Cinema Camera 4k - Ithaca College

## AWARDS

Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society (2024)

Peggy Ryan Williams Award for Academic and Community Leadership (2024)

Best Cinematography - Blackbird Film Festival (2024) Director for Where the Light Cannot Reach

2nd Place - Silent City Film Festival (2023) Director for Where the Light Cannot Reach

Ithaca College Oracle Honor Society (2022)  
Top 10% GPA of First-Year Class

Marriotts Ridge High School Equus Award (2021)  
Model MRHS Student

## SKILLS

Communication

Leadership

Film Production

Management

Adobe Creative Cloud

Technical Services

Blackmagic Design

Workshop Instruction

Staff Management

## REFERENCE LIST

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