**Alex Wittman**

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**EDUCATION**

**Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich.**

*B.S., Political Science; Minor in Communication (May 2014)*

* Honors College, 3.89 GPA (Fall 2010 to Spring 2014)
* Dean’s Scholarship Recipient (Fall 2010 to Spring 2014)
* Dean’s List (Fall 2010 to Spring 2014)
* Golden Key International Honor Society (inducted Fall 2011)
* Lambda Pi Eta Professional Communication Fraternity (inducted Fall 2013)
* James Vander Laan Leadership Award (Spring 2014)

**EXPERIENCE**

**The *Torch*, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich.** January 2011 to May 2014

*Editor-in-Chief (May 2013 to May 2014)*

*News Editor (May 2012 to May 2013)*

*Sports Editor (May 2011 to April 2012)*

*Sports Writer (January 2011 to April 2011)*

* As editor-in-chief, led a staff of 30 students working to produce a campus-wide weekly publication. Managed sections, assigned and edited articles, and contributed to page layout design. Interviewed sources. Wrote articles, features and columns.
* John F. McNamara Award for Outstanding Contribution to the *Torch* (Spring 2012)
* Honorable Mention, Associated College Press Story of the Year (Spring 2012)
* Second Place, Sports News/Feature, Michigan Press Association College Better Newspaper Contest (Fall 2012)
* First Place, Non-Front Page Design, Michigan Press Association College Better Newspaper Contest (Fall 2012)
* Michigan Press Association Foundation Community Journalism Scholarship Recipient (Spring 2014)

**The *Pioneer*, The Pioneer Group, Big Rapids, Mich.** May 2013 to August 2013

*News Intern*

* Staffed the newsroom Monday through Friday and occasionally weekends. Interviewed sources. Wrote news articles and features. Took photographs. Peer-edited colleagues’ work.

**Varsity Softball Team, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich.** August 2010 to May 2014 *Student-Athlete*

* Competed at the NCAA Division II level throughout the academic year in the (GLIAC) and select national competitions in addition to carrying a full academic course load.
* All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Academic Team (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
* President Award Recipient (highest GPA among student-athletes; Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
* National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Scholar-Athlete (Spring 2013)

**SKILLS**

Excellent command of AP Style. Experience with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and WordPress. Very good understanding of local, state, national and international government. Proficient public speaking and excellent interpersonal communication skills.

**REFERENCES: Whitney Gronski-Buffa** **Steven Fox**

Associate Editor, the *Pioneer*  Assistant Professor and *Torch* Advisor, Ferris State University

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