

# JORDAN RYSKAMP

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## MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

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To minister to and positively affect the next generation in America by teaching of God's Word and truth, while investing in the overall community of believers through caring, teaching, and walking alongside new, growing, and mature Christians to shepherd them to a richer relationship with and identity in Christ.

## MY STORY

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I grew up in a Christian household and cannot remember a Sunday morning that we did not attend church. When I was seven years old, I accepted Christ into my heart. As I went through middle school, I fell away from my faith and grew increasingly rebellious toward God and authority in my life. I had chosen that I would pursue my own goals and dreams.

God had a different plan, however. Just before I turned 16, God finally got through to me. I realized that He was not going to stop pursuing me until I surrendered all I had to Him. In May of 2009, I gave Him control of my life and submitted to His calling into ministry. Since that day, I have strived to grow in faith, knowledge, wisdom, and love to serve and know my Lord to the best of my ability.

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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### COLLEGE WESLEYAN CHURCH MARION, IN

2011-PRESENT: VOLUNTEER AND PRACTICUM  
STUDENT

- Fall 2011 – Spring 2012: Invested in Wednesday night middle school youth program, Crash. Assisted in leading discipleship groups aimed at intentional community.
- Spring 2013 – Present: Serving in Sunday evening service (primarily senior citizens) in the capacity of speaking, preaching, and assisting the pastor in any capacity necessary.

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH MARION, IN

FALL 2012: STUDENT YOUTH PASTOR AND TECH

- Organize and lead Life Groups for youth as well as assist in Sunday night youth group activities.
- Operate sound and lighting equipment during Sunday morning worship services.

### REAL LIFE WESLEYAN CHURCH MECHANICSVILLE, MD

SUMMER 2012: CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY  
INTERNSHIP

- Youth Fundraiser: Recruit and schedule volunteers. Organized and coordinated the venues for the sale of \$45,000 in inventory over a two-week period.
- Vacation Bible School: with a budget of \$400, I was assigned to decorate the church with a theme appropriate to the curriculum.
- Performed weekly duties: replenishment seatbacks, office maintenance, and other odd jobs.

### NEW LIFE WESLEYAN CHURCH LA PLATA, MD

2007-2011: VOLUNTEER

- Youth Leadership Team Member: Coordinating events, outreach, and Sunday evenings.
- Children's Ministry: Lead small group and large group settings (Orange Curriculum), performed skits and puppetry, assist in preparations and stage designs, and operated sound and visual equipment.

## EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

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### **NAVY GATEWAY INNS AND SUITES DAHLGREN, VA**

2010-PRESENT: FRONT DESK ASSOCIATE

- Provide best quality of service for guests possible
- Responsible for large transactions within payments
- Develop professional skills for interacting with guests in person and over telephone
- Completed rigorous training program and multiple evaluations leading to Navy certification for the position

### **IWU SOUND, LIGHTING, AND MEDIA GROUP MARION, IN**

2011-2012: STUDENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

- Interact with clients and communicate with clarity to understand needs
- Proficiently operate sound systems in multiple venues for varied purposes.
- Assist in rigging and lighting arrangements
- Manage stage production and direct casts and crews

### **BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA, TROOP 172 DAHLGREN, VA**

2006—2011: EAGLE SCOUT

- Active Senior Patrol Leader for two years: organized events and meetings; utilized position of leadership to help develop younger scouts
- Member of Order of the Arrow: Scouting's National Honors Society
- Through door-to-door fundraising, \$10,000 was personally collected over four selling seasons.

### **LANDSCAPING ENTREPRENEUR KING GEORGE, VA**

2007-2010: CO-OWNER

- Responsible for contacting customers and arranging appointments
- Provide timely and dependable service
- Maintain personal equipment for reliability

## EDUCATION

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### **Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion IN**

2011-Present

- B.S. in Christian Ministries; GPA: 3.28
- Expected Graduation: April 2013

### **Liberty University Online, Lynchburg, VA**

2010-2011

- General Studies; GPA 3.25

### **Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw, VA**

2009-2010

- General Studies; GPA 3.89

## DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

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**Ministerial Student in Chesapeake District of the Wesleyan Church**

May '12

**Member of Phi Theta Kappa**

May '10

## REFERENCE

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