

# MICHAEL RAFA

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## EDUCATION

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies M.A., International Studies	Expected Graduation: June 2013
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV B.A., Political Science and International Environmental Studies	August 2006 – May 2011 Summa Cum Laude
University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia European and Russian Foreign Policy and Security Challenges in the New Millennium	July – August 2010
Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland Semester Abroad	September – December 2009
New York University, Berlin, Germany Berlin: Capital of Modernity	July 2009
Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China Mandarin Language Studies	July – August 2008

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## WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

Positive Spin Service Learning Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted a transportation audit of Morgantown, WV</li><li>Served as a liaison between our organization and the city government</li><li>Worked with media to raise public awareness of transportation issues</li></ul>	February 2011 – May 2011
Frasure-Singleton Internship at the West Virginia State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Observed the daily workings of the State Legislature</li><li>Aided Representative with various tasks</li><li>Communicated with constituents about their concerns</li><li>Briefed Representatives on Education committee meetings</li></ul>	February 2008
West Virginia University Football Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Video Department Intern</li><li>Edited practice and game film three times a week for the coaching staff</li></ul>	August 2006 – December 2006 Seasonal Work

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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

National Society of Collegiate Scholars: Fall 2007 – Present, National Society of Leadership and Success: Fall 2008 – Present, Golden Key International Honour Society: Fall 2008 – Present, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary of WVU: Spring 2009 – Present, German Club of WVU: Fall 2007 – Spring 2010, International Students Mentoring Program: Fall 2008 – Spring 2009.

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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Josef Korbel School Founder's Scholarship, Dent Scholarship for Political Science at WVU (2009, 2010), PROMISE Scholarship (2006-2010), Mountaineer Scholar, Albert A. Christ Scholarship, Stuart and Joyce Robbins Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society member (Spring 2007 – present), Eagle Scout.

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## SKILLS

Trained as an English as a Second Language tutor. Obtained training in Excel and STATA. Strong presentation skills. Developed German language skills with six years of experience.