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D11Sports.com interns Joey Draper and Anna Howland.

By Sam Kennedy

Joey Draper is having the time of his young life, chasing his dream of making it big as a professional sports announcer, which began when he was interviewed by ESPN at age 10 outside of Penn State's Beaver Stadium in Happy Valley.

That day, says the now 21-year-old Emmaus resident and Penn State junior majoring in sports journalism, he was bitten by the play-by-play reporter bug and has chased it at full speed ever since.

"That interview started everything."

Draper soon was narrating play-by-plays of sports video games at home, thrilling family and friends with his informed, witty banter and gaining loads of confidence, which fed his dream.

And he owes his growing passion and refining skills, in a large way, to the Sports Reporter internship program started by Al Di Carlo and Dave Mika at D11Sports.com, which has been funded generously by St. Luke's Sports Medicine Department since 2019.

"The D11Sports.com partnership has provided students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of sports journalism and/or broadcasting," said John Hauth, Sr. Network Administrator for Sports Medicine Relationships at St. Luke's.

"St. Luke's is proud of the work these young men and women have done while working under the tutelage of Al Di Carlo and Dave Mika. This is just one more example of how St. Luke's supports the communities they serve and our valued school partners."

Added Di Carlo, "St. Luke's is a great partner," said Di Carlo. "They make our student reporters feel like the real deal. They get them media passes to games and logoed clothes to wear when they're working the games. We couldn't do this without St. Luke's."

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Congratulations Bangor Coach James Ellison On His 200th Victory!

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Slater boys soccer team congratulated their coach James Ellison on his 200th victory this past week.

"I was there for his very first victory and first district championship back in 1991 at Notre Dame HS! So proud of you and your dedication to your athletes and the sport of soccer! It has been exciting to watch you take teams of all levels and bring out the best in them getting them to achieve and develop skills they never knew they had! 200 victories, many MVC championships, and some amazing district championships" said Amy Ellison (James' wife).



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