



Taylor Hudzicki Unmanned Aerial Systems

Taylor Hudzicki graduated from IUP in May 2022 with a degree in geography and a certificate in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). As the only Pennsylvania university chosen by the FAA for its UAS collegiate training initiative, IUP helped him secure his current role as UAS Manager and GIS Analyst at RPG Resources, an environmental inspection company in Pittsburgh focused on oil and gas.



“When I interviewed for a job, the company was looking for two people: an environmental inspector, which my geography coursework covered, and a drone pilot, which I’d trained for through the UAS program. I stood out from other applicants because I was qualified for both positions.

“My time in the geography program and the UAS program prepared me well for my career because our professors had us problem solve through trial and error to build experience and confidence in our skills,” Taylor said.

Drones are only going to become more integrated into more and more industries. “So, for the future, the sky’s the limit,” he said.



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