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Educational Background

Barrett the Honors College, Arizona State University

Summa Cum Laude

BS, Political Science; BS, Economics; BS, Mathematics (Statistics)

- **Harry S. Truman Scholar:** Selected to represent Arizona as 1 of 58 nation-wide scholars based on commitment to career in public service, leadership potential, and outstanding academic achievement.
- **Tempe Youth Changemaker Award:** Selected from students across Tempe for exemplary efforts in academics, citizenship, community service, and demonstration of social conscience.
- **Junior Fellow:** Nominated by professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies to work with them on a research project related to lobbying in state legislatures.
- **ASU President's Award:** Awarded to outstanding resident students to pursue academic excellence at ASU.

Professional Experience

Senior Planning Analyst, Arizona State University

August 2023 – Present

- Performs advanced forecast/planning analyses, constructs models, and conducts studies in support of ASU's enrollment management, financial aid planning, academic planning, strategic planning and budget planning efforts
- Works collaboratively with the Senior Solution Officer to design and build a pipeline of Arizona talent into a teacher education pipeline
- Collaborates with the Decision Center for Educational Excellence to assist in deriving and developing data driven decisions and solutions to expand the pipeline of AZ students into ASU
- Reviews, researches and advances consideration of technological solutions that may be useful in preparing students for college
- Assists the Senior Vice President in assessing opportunities for growth of the ASU network including whole school models, hybrid, and micro-schools
- Assists in the design and advancement of a leadership development experience for K-12 administrators and elected school board members to advance education in the 21st Century

Governing Board President, Tempe Union High School District

November 2020 – Present

- Governs 7 high schools with 14,000+ students, providing general oversight in the areas of managing a \$180M annual budget, policy review and adoption, and Superintendent responsibilities
- Responsible for collaborating with the public, interest groups, and district administration to further strategic goals based on core values
- Unanimously elected by colleagues to both serve as Vice President (2022) and President (current) in order to represent the Board in all public matters, preside over regular and special meetings, set the bi-weekly agenda, and serve as communication link between the Board and district administration
- Authored and passed the most comprehensive mental health and social/emotional wellness policy in AZ
- Ran a multi-legislative district wide campaign among 4 cities, gathering endorsements, fundraising more than \$12,000, and organizing field teams to win a seat with 43,516 votes on the 5-person board

Affiliate Post-baccalaureate Fellow, Education Futures Lab, American Council on Education

June 2023 – Present

- Work collaboratively with senior leadership of the Education Futures Lab to partner with actors across the higher education policy ecosystem to shape the future of higher education
- Assist operations of ACE's research, programs, communities, and innovation activities that interact with more than 900 universities and 2 million learners each year
- Research key issues in the higher education space including engineering education, shared equity leadership, mental health, and more to co-develop solutions
- Identify issues affecting higher education to write summaries, analyses, and summaries for ACE's large audience to further discussion and consideration of solutions

County Director, Board of Directors, Arizona School Boards Association

October 2022 – Present

- Elected by school board members across Maricopa County to represent the County on the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Association, for a 2-year term
- Serves as a communication link to ASBA while coordinating local county boards and advocating ASBA membership

- Develops and initiates both short and long-term decision making for the association related to professional development, policy services, advocacy, and more
- Oversees the association's annual budget and alignment of resources based on 3-year strategic plan
- Helps initiate and set both policy and goals for ASBA and coordinate and preside at the Annual County Meeting

Policy Analyst, Office of University Affairs, Arizona State University

May 2021 – May 2023

- Assist with the research and analysis of various federal, state, and local public policy issues including those related to higher education, the economy, and science and technology
- Conduct data collection, manipulation, analysis, and visualization to analyze and present information in an organized and timely fashion to build foundational knowledge around key issues and inform decision-making to ASU executive leadership
- Write summaries, memos, analyses, reports, and other works to provide information and intelligence to various offices in the University including the Office of the President, Government Affairs, Knowledge Enterprise, and more

Regional Director, Arizona Students' Association

January 2019 – May 2021

- Tracked and lobbied on relevant legislation and provided briefings on public policy issues to various organizations
- Managed internship programs statewide, board of directors' meetings, and recruitment efforts, through the years this has been a team ranging in size from 12-30 statewide centered around advocacy, organizing, and leadership development
- Lobbied on behalf of 540,000+ students at the state capitol, from community college and university campuses, to network, communicate information, and build long-term relationships to bolster the organization's mission.

Political Intern, Arizona AFL-CIO

July 2019 – August 2019

- Worked closely with the Political Director and Communications Director to assist with daily operations of the organization, focusing closely on the No on Propositions 105 and 106 City of Phoenix election related to the Valley Metro Rail.
- Organized volunteers, and helped plan and execute weekly voter outreach and Get Out the Vote efforts across the city
- Canvassed across all parts of Phoenix to communicate with and persuade voters about the campaign

Skills/Proficiencies: Programming and project management, proficiency in Microsoft Word/Excel, strong communication, public speaking, intensive diversity and inclusion training, coalition building, developing strategy in resource-constrained environments, manage multiple projects at once, proficiency in DNC Votebuilder VAN, fundraising and managing funds, persuasion. Some proficiency in Java, R, and Statistical Analysis System (SAS), and MATLAB.