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Skills: Leadership, Writing, Editing, Copy Writing, Pitch Writing, Research, Opposition Research, Investigation, Freedom of Information Act Requests, Public Relations via TV News and Social Media, Legislative/ Governmental Affairs, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Content Creation, Campaigns and Elections, Self-starter, Communications, Legislative Briefing, Policy Analysis, Advocacy, Criminal Jurisprudence, Team Management.

Work Experience

Texas House of Representatives: Office of Representative Brian Harrison Austin, TX. Legislative and Communications Aide (January 2023-Present)

Advise the Representative on legislative matters, including assisting in writing, analyzing, and tracking legislation as well as providing voting recommendations. Additionally charged with handling office communications with the press, including pitching the Representative to national media outlets, engaging with reporters, and writing reports on the Representative's legislation.

Staffer for the Representative's Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. Tasked with compiling all of the legislation to be considered, summarizing the legislation, providing questions for the Representative to ask in committee, putting forth voting recommendations, sitting in on all hearings to assist the Representative, and meeting with stakeholders to best understand all points of view for the issues at hand.

Camelback Strategy Group Austin, TX. Field Manager (May 2022-January 2023)

Lead a team of over 70 paid canvassers to accomplish canvassing goals; interview, hire, and train canvassers that will conduct political surveys in the field on behalf of the client; manage the canvassing team for the Austin region; meet with elected officials and manage client relationships; conduct payroll; audit canvasser profitability and performance; report regional updates to the State Director.

Assigned to Governor Abbott's and Caroline Harris's (TX HD52) campaigns. Both candidates won. The Governor's race ended up being the largest GOP field effort in the nation, with over three million doors and one million IDs, and Harris became the youngest Republican woman to win state office.

Center for Renewing America Remote. Fellow (May 2021 - May 2022)

Worked on a variety of legislative priorities for the organization including healthcare, immigration, and education. Additionally tasked with working with grassroots leaders across the nation to assist them in navigating the legislative process in their state, writing Freedom of Information Act requests, and starting local campaigns.

Colorado Republican Party Denver, CO. Intern (March 2020-August 2020)

Rallied community support by making phone calls, going door to door, and recruiting volunteers for the party.

Morris County Prosecutor's Office Morris County, NJ. Investigative Intern (May 2019-July 2019)

Assisted detectives and prosecutors in the Sex Crimes and Child Endangerment Unit.

Education

University of Colorado Boulder Boulder, CO – Major: Philosophy.