

Cole Joseph Szymanski

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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

August 2019 - April 2023

Bachelor of Arts: Communication & Bachelor of Social Science: Political Science (3.6 GPA)

- 5-time Dean's List Student
- Phi Delta Theta Fraternity: Risk Manager, August 2020 - August 2021

EXPERIENCE

Never Back Down Presidential Super PAC, Des Moines, IA – Iowa Capitol Region Field

Director

June 2023 - January 2024

- Managed the Capitol (Des Moines Metropolitan) region political team, the largest target area in the Iowa caucus in what was a historic, unprecedented caucus operation conducted by the Never Back Down, the super PAC supporting Gov. Ron DeSantis,
- Recruited and mobilized historic amounts of volunteers for Gov. DeSantis in the Capitol region through grassroots engagement tactics, including phone calls, in-person conversations, email chains, and advanced messaging apps, to provide NBD updates and maintain personal connections.
- Planned, executed, and led political events across the Capitol region for Gov. DeSantis, First Lady Casey DeSantis, and top surrogates.
- Planned, executed, and led grassroots, GOTV events in the region, including weekly phone banks, watch parties, and volunteer trainings.

Dave McCormick for U.S. Senate, Pittsburgh, PA – Campaign Intern

March 2022 - June 2022

- Directly assisted the campaign's communications director by helping drive media attendance to campaign events, press advancing planned media interactions, assisting with rapid response and strategic communications to the media, and drafting press releases, media advisories, and briefings for the candidate.
- Helped organize and coordinate campaign events across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for one of the most high-profile U.S. Senate races in the 2022 election cycle, including event setup and getting attendee turnout through phone calls and strategic communications tactics.
- Created social media plans on various topics and events for the candidate's social media accounts.

Southpointe Golf Club, Canonsburg, PA – Bartender and Server

April 2019 - August 2021

- Provided excellent customer service, trained incoming staff, kept track of inventory, produced daily sales reports, enhanced operational efficiency, and organized special events and promotions.

SKILLS

- Very hard-working, determined to complete tasks, approachable and friendly, knowledgeable with communications, social media, and new technology, confident public speaker, excellent multi-tasker, quick learner, self-starter, gets work done properly and efficiently.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Grant Schaffer Scholarship: Pursuing media and technology outside of playing hockey.
- Robert Morris University: “Best of Category” award, 2018 Digital Media Arts Consortium for Digital Cinema Category and “Award of Excellence”, 2019 Digital Media Arts Consortium for Digital Cinema Category.