Jacob G. Blum

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EDUCATION

University of North Dakota (UND) **Political Science, Criminal Justice** 2012-2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

National Political Director & Public Relations Manager -- promoted Feb 2023 - present Communications & Business Development Strategist - Oct 2019- Feb 2023

Primacy Strategy Group, St. Paul MN

- Oversee the firm's MN Government Relations Practice Area and political action committees (PACs). Assist multistate team in management of initiatives in MN, ND, SD, and MT. Experienced in working on a bipartisan and bicameral basis to achieve results
- Develop political giving strategy, annual PAC recommendations, deployment of resources and manage compliance
- Manage subcontractor lobbyists for numerous government relations and business-tobusiness client accounts
- Lead diverse portfolio of client accounts and deliver results in high-pressure environment
- Develop media and public relations strategies for clients including organizing over 50 successful press events throughout the country
- Implement overall public relations strategy, client communications and e-blast updates
- Trade association management and high-level events, conventions work

Member of North Dakota House of Representatives – 2016 – 2019

House District 42, Grand Forks, ND

- Represented the heart of the state's third largest municipality house district in ND –
 including the University of North Dakota to advocate for constituent interests
- Supported funding reform and enacted policy changes
- Contributed to passage of landmark legislation to improve the lives of North Dakota citizens
- Forged relationships with colleagues in the House and Senate, cabinet officials and business leaders

Deputy Communications Director– Mar – Nov 2018

Cramer for Senate, Bismarck ND

- Prepared and distributed press releases, aggressively pursued earned media and managed inquiries, in an intense, nationally spotlighted campaign.
- Implemented organic social media strategy on all campaign social media channels
- Maintained website content for all digital assets, releases, videos

Field Director-Oct-Mar 2018

Congressional Leadership Fund, Cedar Rapids, IA

• Directed all field operations within the state, targeting lowa's First Congressional District.

ORGANIZATIONS

• **Member** – 2023 - present

Knights of Columbus Council #4374, St. Paul, MN

• **Volunteer** – 2016-2018

Meals on Wheels, Grand Forks, ND

• Government Affairs Commissioner – 2015

University of North Dakota Student Government UND, Grand Forks, ND

Correspondent - 2014; Member - 2013-2017

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

• **Secretary** -- 2013 - 2016

University of North Dakota College Republicans, Grand Forks, ND

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