

Matthew Ellis

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Minor in Public Policy Analysis

May 2023

Columbus, OH

GPA: 3.8

EXPERIENCE

Government Affairs Coordinator

June 2022 - Present

The SOAR Initiative

Columbus, OH

- Represented The SOAR Initiative in lobbying meetings with sitting lawmakers and local nonprofits.
- Sought appropriated funding towards the establishment of 7 overdose resource centers within Youngstown, OH.
- Lead in the expansion of The SOAR Initiative into the Mahoning Valley through stakeholder coordination.

Legislative Intern

January 2022 - May 2022

U.S House of Representatives - Congressman Tim Ryan

Washington, D.C

- Produced and researched 20 policy briefs regarding labor relations and urban renewal legislation.
- Utilized ParseHub to webscrape 6,000 data entries on roll call votes for analysis of bipartisan votes.
- Created press clips to condense social media data and assist speechwriting efforts regarding trade and addiction.
- Assist low income constituents access Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and the V.A. over the phone.

Legislative Intern

August 2021 - December 2021

Ohio House of Representatives - Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan

Columbus, OH

- Prepare the Labor and Commerce Committee for public hearings by condensing/analyzing Excel data..
- Conduct research and draft potential rebuttals to constituent testimony and oppositional questioning.
- Developed 30 policy briefs on pertinent legislation, specializing in urban pollution and economic development.

Property Survey Intern

June - August 2021

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation

Youngstown, OH

- Survey and detect housing deterioration with emphasis on the areas with the most instability and disrepair.
- Surveyed 20,000 homes for the City to develop community plans through federal grants and contracts.
- Led YNDC to finish the Youngstown City Survey one month ahead of schedule.

Political Aid

July - November 2020

Mahoning County Democratic Party

Youngstown, OH

- Engaged in 7000+ connections through phone/personal outreach in Mahoning County using MiniVan/VoteBuilder.
- Increased voter outreach by 130% by leading the first text banking drive in Mahoning County history.
- Coached candidates through speechwriting and debate preparation for public appearances and forums.

Co-Founder

March - May 2020

GroceryGrab Volunteer Delivery Service

Youngstown, OH

- Provided 25 deliveries per week of necessary goods to low income families in the Mahoning Valley..
- Recruited 50 volunteers over 3 weeks with an advising team to ensure efficiency and consumer satisfaction.
- Spurred visibility through coordinated public interviews on WKBN, WFMJ, and the Youngstown Vindicator.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

The Alexander Hamilton Society | College Democrats | Community of Appalachian Student Leaders | Pass the Class

HONORS AND AWARDS

John Glenn Fellow Spring Semester 2022: Selected through competitive application process to participate in the Washington Academic Internship Program (WAIP) through Ohio State to live and work in Washington, D.C.

Dean's List: 3 Consecutive Semesters

SKILLS

Office 360 | Google Suite | Adobe Suite | Web Scraping | MiniVAN/VoteBuilder | RStudio Data Analysis | Speechwriting