

# Parker Griffith

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## Experience

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### **Detroit City Council**

Detroit, MI

*District 4 Policy Analyst*

Sep. 2023 – Present

- Research and develop policies that improve the welfare, health, and safety of Detroit residents
- Secured \$2 million in funding for the creation of a citywide Community Land Trust Fund, and developed Detroit's community land trust policy.
- Prepare Councilmember for standing and formal committees by reviewing and summarizing legal reports, ordinances, memos, and more to provide comprehensive summaries and recommendations

### **Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan**

Detroit, MI

*Fellow*

Mar. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Nine-month program designed to develop civic engagement and leadership skills to create community power and advance change
- Performed a 25-hour practicum for the Center for Community Based Enterprise, an organization that develops worker-based cooperatives in Michigan
- Participate in field learning opportunities across Michigan to learn about economic issues through presentations and meetings with community leaders

### **Local Initiatives Support Corporation Detroit (LISC)**

Detroit, MI

*Intern*

Oct. 2022 – Jun. 2023

- Performed research for LISC Detroit's Economic Development and Housing teams, including analysis and recommendations for the Small Business Lending and Detroit Housing for Future Fund
- Developed presentation for LISC staff to improve understanding of community land trusts
- Contributed ideas for LISC Detroit's three-year strategic plan

### **National Council of Jewish Women MI**

Detroit, MI

*Outreach Coordinator*

Feb. 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Delivered weekly e-newsletters to and maintained contact with 36 partners for seven months
- Recruited 10 partner members for the Courts Matter Coalition

### **Wayne State University**

Detroit, MI

*Senior Resident Advisor*

Aug. 2021 – May 2023

- Promoted to Senior RA position due to exemplary leadership skills
- Ran five team meetings per semester for 4 semesters and aided with RA training and recruitment
- Earned Veteran of the Year Award in winter 2022 for leadership skills and engaging with residents

*Resident Advisor*

Aug. 2020 – May 2023

- Developed and implemented educational programming for on-campus residents, referred residents to resources, and promoted resident success, resulting in the highest attended programs during the 2021-2022 school year
- Earned Rookie of the Year Award in winter 2021 for consistently contributing to RA team and connecting with residents on a personal level

## Skills

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- Exemplary leadership skills and a commitment to public service
- Expertise in American government, public policy, and policy analysis
- Obtained CDFI101 certification from Opportunity Finance Network
- Proficient in Salesforce

- Skilled in data analysis using Microsoft Office Suite and R statistical software
- Ability to work well independently and in a team

## Education

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### Wayne State University

Detroit, MI

*BA in Political Science with Honors*

Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2022

- Graduated *summa cum laude* with a cumulative GPA of 3.96/4.0
- Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa national honors society
- Took five graduate classes towards a Master of Public Administration degree via Accelerated Graduate Readiness Program, including courses in finance and policy analysis
- Presented senior honors thesis at 79<sup>th</sup> annual Midwestern Political Science Association Conference

### University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Ann Arbor, MI

*Public Policy and International Affairs (PPLA) Fellow*

June 2022 – July 2022

- Summer fellowship including course work for: quantitative methods for public policy analysis, microeconomics, foreign relations, writing for policy analysis, and healthcare

### Stanford University

*Global Perspectives Intensive Study*

Stanford, CA

- Cumulative GPA of 4.0/4.0
- Completed two summer intensive studies courses to heighten awareness of both national and global issues

## Leadership

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*David D. Henry Award Finalist*

Dec. 2022 – May 2023

- Selected as one of four finalists for the David D. Henry Award, a prestigious honor awarded to recent Wayne State University alumni who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service while maintaining high academic achievement
- Recognized for contributions to Wayne State Housing, which included temporarily reducing the price of laundry, serving as a senior resident advisor, and helping to unionize the RA position on campus, which led to Wayne State's recognition of the position as employment

*Volunteer for Voters Not Politicians*

July 2021 – Jan. 2022

- Attended weekly hour-long volunteer sessions
- Created and taught civics classes to parents at Center for Success Detroit

*Eugene Applebaum Fellow*

May 2021 – June 2021

- Personal, professional, leadership fellowship
- Consulted Kapstone ES, a Detroit-owned staffing firm, helping them navigate the labor shortage caused by Covid-19

*President of Leon H. Atchison Hall Council*

Oct. 2019 – Apr. 2020

- Elected president of residence hall with over 400 Wayne State University students
- Worked directly with Wayne State Dining to change the meal plan structure and improve the on-campus experience
- Ran monthly social programs to engage with students

*Eagle Scout Award*

Aug. 2011 – Jun. 2019

- Fundraised \$500 for and led a 451 person-hour project
- Renovated and beatified two large, previously unused rooms at Saline Church of Christ to serve as a youth area