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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

May 2027

A.B. in Public Policy & International Affairs

Relevant Coursework: International Relations, Microeconomics, Public Policy, American Politics

Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ

June 2022

Coursework: *Statistics, Political Science*

Toms River High School South, Toms River, NJ

June 2023

EXPERIENCE

Program Director, **Community ESL School**, NJ

2022 - Present

- Launched and scaled an ESL program in partnership with Ocean County College, growing enrollment from 40 to nearly 350 students.
- Expanded curriculum to include business marketing, management principles, and web design.
- Developed mentorship and coaching programs that assist immigrants in career pathways and workforce development.

Community Organizer, **Make the Road**, NY

Summer 2025

- Supported grassroots campaigns advocating for immigrant and working-class communities across Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island.
- Assisted in the campaign for Assemblymember Zohran Mamdani, creating voter education materials and helping mobilize thousands of voters.
- Led outreach and engagement teams, knocking on 9,000+ doors, making over 13,000 phone calls, and connecting directly with community members about key policy issues.
- Accompanied over 80 immigrant individuals to immigration court hearings, providing translation support and connecting families to legal and advocacy resources after deportation cases.
- Helped organize protests against ICE and other discriminatory policies while facilitating weekly organizing meetings to plan actions and build long-term power.
- Through this work, I developed a deeper understanding of how solidarity and advocacy can translate into policy change and community resilience

Ministry Team Leader, **Christian Union Nova**, NJ

2024 - Present

- Serve on the Leadership Team for Princeton's largest Christian fellowship, helping plan and direct weekly services attended by over 120 students.
- Lead worship coordination, event logistics, and service programming to foster spiritual growth and community connection on campus.
- Partner with campus ministries and local organizations to create service opportunities that connect faith with public service and community care.

Food Pantry Coordinator, **The Church of Grace and Peace**, NJ

2022 - Present

- Assisted in serving over 96,000 individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic and after.
- Continue to manage logistics, volunteer coordination, and scheduling to ensure that operations run smoothly.
- Train new volunteers and enhance food distribution efficiency.

Youth Representative, **Ocean County Prosecutor's Office**, NJ

2021 - 2024

- Advocated for Latino/immigrant communities as the first Ocean County Youth Representative.
- Spoke as a panelist on hate/bias in schools and contributed to NJ Attorney General's "Stand With Jersey" campaign.
- Led outreach events offering food, clothing, and social services to underserved communities.

ACTIVITIES

Founder, **Community Ambassadors Club**, NJ

2020 - Present

- Organized Latino Health Fair (2020-2024), providing free healthcare access to uninsured families.
- Partnered with local leaders, law enforcement, and civil rights groups for advocacy and support initiatives.
- Led youth leadership conferences and community engagement programs.

AWARDS:

- *Hero Against Hate Award*, Jewish Federation of Ocean County
- *Anti-Bias Vision for the Next Generation*, NJ Division on Civil Rights
- *Congressional Recognition for youth-led community work*, invited by Rep. Andy Kim
- *Community Leadership Award*, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
- *Outstanding Service Award*, The Church of Grace and Peace

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish (written & oral communication)

Certifications: Bloomberg Market Concept Analyst Certification (2023)