
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**LEAD FOR AMERICA, CEO & Founder** – Wichita, KS

Oct. 2017-Sep. 2024

National service nonprofit building the next generation of leaders for our country and communities across all 50 states.

- Conceptualized the idea for the organization at age 21 and built LFA from a dorm room startup to a national organization with annual revenues of over \$8.5M working in nearly 200 communities across 40+ states.
- Created paid Fellows program for America's most outstanding young people to return to serve in a nonprofit or state/local government for 1 year. Over 500 Fellowship roles have been created in communities nationwide.
- Named to Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30, granted Fellowships by Praxis and Summit, selected as a Young Explorer by National Geographic, and featured in both local & national media, including the Washington Post.
- Launched Summer Fellows program for current undergraduate students, as well as network of college chapters and "GovChallenge" competitions. These programs helped launch the civic leadership careers of 300+ students.
- Led all LFA fundraising efforts and strategy, which has included securing a \$3M+ annual AmeriCorps grant, and receiving three \$750k+ annual gifts, including a 3 year, \$2.8M grant from former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.
- Led and managed the LFA Board of Directors and LFA staff, which included nearly 30 full-time employees.
- Served as a Leadership Ambassador for the White House Historical Association, Ideas Council Member for the American Enterprise Institute, and National Steering Committee Member for Voices for National Service.

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, Officer & Soldier — Colorado Springs, CO

Nov. 2020-Present

Serving part-time in the Colorado Army National Guard with intention of becoming an Army Chaplain in an Infantry Unit.

- Graduated first in my class at Officer Candidate School and 1st in academics and physical fitness.
- Served in mechanized and mountain infantry units. Currently training to become a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain.
- Earned highest score, 99, on Armed Forces Qualification Test & perfect 500 on Army Physical Fitness Test.
- Compete on the national All-Guard Marathon and Endurance teams. In the summer of 2024, I became the first person to complete a marathon and 1000 push-ups in each of America's 50 states in just 90 days.

DRAPER RICHARDS KAPLAN FOUNDATION, Intern — Menlo Park, CA

Jan. 2018-May 2018

- Conducted ecosystem reviews of the nonprofit fields of democracy building and higher education finance, which concluded with presentations and recommendations to the CEO and senior leadership team.

FAIRED, Co-Founder & Executive Director – Raleigh, NC

June 2014-Oct. 2017

National nonprofit providing "near-peer" mentors, 10 module curriculum, and other resources to low-income high school students.

- Co-led team of 200+ volunteers at 10+ universities that helped over 100 low-income & first-gen high school students be admitted to college. Co-led development of professionally reviewed college access curriculum.

AFRICAN LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY, Learning Experience Design Intern – Mauritius

July 2017-Aug. 2017

- Assisted redesign of Entrepreneurial Leadership course prior to University's expansion to 2nd campus in Rwanda.
- Conceptualized, designed, and developed "Leadership Thesis"—10 module, year-long summative assessment.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Legislative Intern – Washington, D.C.

July 2016-Aug. 2016

- Met with Congressman several times a week with intern cohort, which included briefing him on current events.
- Contributed to staff meetings & research projects on the Zika Virus, Economic Development in China & ISIS.

SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND, Researcher & Field Intern – Sierra Leone

Apr. 2016-July 2016

- Assisted with land rights project, conducting town halls and mobile cinema screenings with key policymakers and stakeholders for 2000+ Sierra Leonean villagers, and helped write UNDP and Irish Aid grant proposals.

CONGRESS BUNDESTAG SCHOLAR – Cologne, Germany

July 2014-June 2015

- Selected as one of 50 young Americans for fully paid scholarship to live, study, and volunteer in Germany.
- Volunteered as English teacher for immigrants to Germany. Met Chancellor Merkel & Ambassador Emerson.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Indonesia Youth Leadership Program – Indonesia

Apr. 2013-May 2014

- Selected as one of six American high school students for fully funded program to live and volunteer in Indonesia.
- Founded projects that donated 3000+ hygiene items for shelter and raised >\$2,500 for cancer charity in Jakarta.

EDUCATION**STANFORD UNIVERSITY** – Palo Alto, CA

Sep. 2023-June 2026

Masters of Business Administration & Masters of International Policy

- Knight-Hennessy Scholar (Full-ride merit scholarship with <1% acceptance rate). University's highest award.

DUKE UNIVERSITY – Durham, NC

Aug. 2021-Aug. 2023

Masters of Arts, Duke Divinity School, Certificate in Theology, Medicine & Culture.**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA at Chapel Hill** – Chapel Hill, NC

Aug. 2015-May 2018

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, GPA 3.96/4.00. Graduated in 3 years.

- Phi Beta Kappa; Morehead-Cain Scholar; Coca Cola Scholar; National Merit Scholar; National AP Scholar.
- Received Bryan Public Service Award—Given to 1 undergraduate/year to recognize outstanding public service.
- Student Body Chief of Staff; Advisory Committee to Vice Chancellor; UNC Triathlon Team.