

# Abigail Vadella

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## EDUCATION

**University of Pennsylvania** | Philadelphia, PA Expected Graduation: May 2028

- *The School of Arts and Sciences*: Candidate for BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); and Russian and East European Studies – coursework in Constitutional Law and American Political Thought.
- *Involvements*: Penn POLIS Government Fraternity (Social Chair), Government and Politics Association, Alexander Hamilton Society, John Marshall Pre-Law Honor Society, the Magnolia Project (Volunteer Lead).

**Stephen Decatur High School** | Berlin, MD May 2024

- *Awards*: Summa Cum Laude, Citation from the Maryland General Assembly, Certificate of Congressional Recognition, Van Hollen Public Service Award, Governor's Certificate of Merit, Commendations from Worcester County Commissioners (2) (2024), Presidential Service Award (2023).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, The University of Pennsylvania**

*Undergraduate Assistant* | Philadelphia, PA February 2025-Present

- Promotes civic engagement programs and events fostering constitutional and democratic discourse, reaching hundreds of students, faculty, and community members through targeted communications and social media.
- Assists with event planning, speaker coordination, and communications to advance nonpartisan dialogue.

**United States House of Representatives, Office of Congressman Andy Harris**

*Congressional Intern* | Salisbury, MD, and Washington, DC May 2021-September 2021

- Supported constituent casework, enhancing public access to the Department of State, Department of Veterans Affairs, IRS, and various other government services.
- Managed Maryland State Government casework, resolving 100+ inquiries related to community needs.

**Maryland General Assembly**

*Maryland Senate Page* | Annapolis, MD February 2024-April 2024

- Facilitated legislative operations, supporting lawmakers in advancing public policy.
- Engaged with constituents, staff members, and lawmakers to ensure smooth communication during sessions.

**University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering**

*Work Study Office Assistant* | Philadelphia, PA September 2024-June 2025

- Supported department with office management tasks and various department and speaker events.
- Supported faculty and student inquiries for the Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering.

**Assateague Outfitters Bayside Kayak Stand**

*Team Manager* | Berlin, MD April 2022-August 2024

- Led training for 15+ staff and managed high-volume cash transactions, ensuring operational efficiency.
- Led 3-hour historical and educational kayak tours exploring Assateague Island National Seashore.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**University of Pennsylvania, The Magnolia Project** September 2024-Present

- Coordinates flower donations to enhance patient well-being at the Philadelphia VA Hospital, Penn Medicine, and CHOP, fostering a positive community impact through patient well-being.

**Joshua M. Freeman Foundation, Freeman Arts Pavilion Volunteer Corps**

*Head of Student Volunteer Program* | Selbyville, DE April 2022-June 2024

- Spearheaded a student volunteer program, tripling participation, trained volunteers, and contributed 100+ hours per season to arts and community events for underserved audiences.

**Maryland State Board of Elections** | Berlin, MD November 2022-November 2022

- Assisted 500+ voters, ensuring accessible voting processes and efficient civic participation.