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EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC
Washington Semester Program

Spring 2026

Saint Mary's College, *Class of 2027*, Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of the Arts in both Political Science and Communication Studies with a minor in PR & Advertising
Honors: GPA: 3.89/4.0, Dean's List (Fall 2023 – Spring 2025), Academic Merit Scholarship GPA
Relevant Courses & Projects:

- Authoritarian Politics: Researched, wrote an extensive 12-page outline, and designed a 10 minute video on “The Erosion of Legitimacy in Elections contributing to Democratic Backsliding in Turkey”
- United States Foreign Policy: Researched and wrote a 15-page paper on “President Reagan’s Invasion of Grenada, the Reagan Doctrine, and Its Implications on US Foreign Policy for the Remainder of the Cold War”
- International Politics & Comparative Politics: Research current issues on the international stage and write regular detailed analyses, applying specifics of those issues to concepts learned in class

EXPERIENCE

Robert Weiner Associates & The National Press Club, Washington DC

January 2026 – present

Policy & Research Analyst and Op-Ed Writer

- Headed by former Clinton White House Public Affairs Director
- Write bylined op-eds for major media on progressive national issues
- Organize news conferences
- Attend strategy sessions on what's in the news we'd want to support, oppose, or change and write up that would be a unique publishable contribution
- Help with sound bite ideas for our radio-TV interviews we'd regularly do on the news (see Radio-TV link below for recent shows)

Raising Canes Chicken Fingers, Batavia, IL

June 2022 – present

Certified Trainer, Service Specialist, & Crewmember

- Service Specialist Certification: Monitor and manage the different elements of the customer experience to ensure satisfaction and resolve issues proactively (June 2025 – present)
- Certified Trainer Certification: Train new crewmembers and Managers on Duty (MODs) on restaurant operations and quality standards to ensure their success (August 2022 – present)
- Crewmember: Run the drive thru and front counter; manage the functions of a cash register in the drive thru or on front counter; deliver efficient, accurate service while multi-tasking and anticipating in a fast-paced environment

CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

Entertainment Committee Co-Chair, Student Activities Board, Saint Mary's College, IN

January 2024 - present

- Design and host inclusive campus events that foster belonging, encourage student engagement, and strengthen community at Saint Mary's College
- Lead planning and execution of campus-wide events for 200-300 students
- Collaborate across Big Boards on events to foster student engagement
- Complete leadership seminars to strengthen interpersonal and organizational skills

Member, Notre Dame Model United Nations, University of Notre Dame, IN

August 2023 - present

- Represent countries in General Assembly and Crisis simulations, drafting resolutions on global issues under pressure
- Participated in Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) in 2024 and 2025 and John Hopkins Model United Nations Conference (HOPMUNC) in 2024; Served as a delegate in the Legal Committee, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), and United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- Conference Leadership: Director of General Assemblies at NDMUNC I (November 2024), overseeing committee operations, training chairs, and resolving procedural challenges; designed and chaired a Specialized Committee at NDMUNC II (November 2025), crafting a Cuban Missile Crisis alternate history scenario and facilitated equitable debate

Secretary, College Democrats, Saint Mary's College, IN

May 2025 - present

- Engage students in the political process by promoting Democratic values, fostering civic participation, and building respectful, inclusive communities through on campus events and dialogue
- Manage event logistics, meeting documentation, weekly newsletters, and all official correspondence for the Executive Board

SKILLS

- *Computer*: Google Workspace; Canva; Microsoft Office; Social Media (Instagram, TikTok)
- *Language*: Spanish (Basic verbal, reading, and writing)