

BRIDGET CUMMINGS

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Obama Foundation, Chicago, IL

Manager, Executive Office of the Foundation

November 2019 - January 2021

- Served as Chief of Staff to the Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer, managing their front office teams (3 staff and 1-2 interns) and overseeing their calendars and internal and external communications
- Managed day-to-day affairs of the Foundation, including requests for the Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer from the Board of Directors, Office of Barack and Michelle Obama, staff, and external partners
- Served as a liaison between senior leadership and the Foundation President, collaborating to determine and prioritize business strategies, plan quarterly retreats and facilitate weekly strategy meetings
- Managed regular meetings between the Foundation President and President Obama, ensuring key priorities are discussed and advanced
- Oversaw all-staff programming, including a weekly all-hands meeting focused on professional development, culture building, and Foundation updates
- Reported directly to the Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer of the Obama Foundation

Senior Associate, Obama Presidential Center Strategy and Operations

February 2019 - November 2019

- Served as an advisor to the Executive Director and liaison between the Obama Presidential Center (OPC) and Obama Foundation teams
- Worked with the OPC architecture team and Office of Barack and Michelle Obama to create and implement a system to update and receive input from President and Mrs. Obama on key OPC projects
- Reported directly to the Executive Director of the Obama Foundation

Operations Analyst and Associate

January 2017 - February 2019

- Selected by senior leadership to serve on a working group charged with building out the Obama Foundation's strategic plan
- Created and implemented interim HR processes, including a compensation system, onboarding process, hiring process, and candidate tracking system, then onboarded consultants and employees to build out and manage each system
- Created and managed the Obama Foundation Internship Program in Chicago and Washington, D.C.
- Created and implemented new processes for Foundation events, meetings, and briefings involving President and Mrs. Obama
- Reported directly to the Executive Director of the Obama Foundation

The White House, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Washington, D.C.

July 2016 – January 2017

Policy Advisor

- Drafted memoranda and coordinated logistics for calls and meetings between local elected officials and the President, Senior Advisor to the President and senior White House officials
- Created the Summer Opportunity Project, a yearlong education campaign, by facilitating briefings with national partners, hosting a White House summit with over 200 guests, and implementing a new federal place-based engagement with cities
- Spoke on behalf of the White House at national conferences for cities and counties about the President's domestic agenda, namely middle class economics, healthcare enrollment, and human rights issues
- Rapidly responded to crises such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks, protests, and mass shootings in Orlando, Roseburg, and San Bernardino by coordinating the President's immediate outreach to elected officials, vigilantly monitoring external factors to best inform the President and Senior Advisor to the President, and facilitating Federal assistance to localities
- Developed and implemented the White House Healthy Communities Challenge, a campaign aimed to engage local elected officials representing 20 communities with the highest population of eligible uninsured in the country during open enrollment

- Lead coordination for the President’s domestic travel for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs by strategically selecting local elected officials to participate in events and airport tarmac greetings with the President
- Managed daily schedule and domestic travel for the Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs
- Organized Administration involvement with local elected officials at national conferences, including the President’s participation at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Vice President Biden’s participation at the National League of Cities
- Served as the White House liaison for each agency Intergovernmental Affairs office and facilitated Cabinet-level participation in policy briefings, broad conference calls, and conferences with local elected officials

The White House, Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.

May – August 2014

Legislative Intern

- Researched and prepared congressional supplements consisting of background information on Members of Congress
- Conducted background research and recorded votes on legislation that is of interest to the Administration
- Researched and assembled briefing books on Administration initiatives to prepare Special Assistants to the President for congressional interactions
- Escorted Members of Congress for events and meetings at the White House and Executive Office Building

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.

May – August 2013

Legislative Intern

- Implemented edits to the Attorney General’s hearing transcripts for submission to the Congressional Record
- Researched and assembled briefing books used to prepare Department of Justice witnesses testifying before Congress, including F.B.I. Director James Comey and Deputy Attorney General James Cole
- Attended and reported on Senate and House Judiciary Committee hearings and briefings

EDUCATION

College of Saint Benedict & Saint John’s University

Economics & Political Science

Dean’s List: 2011-2015

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Bachelor of Arts

Honors/Awards:

- Truman Scholar Finalist: Federal scholarship granted to juniors exhibiting leadership and a commitment to public service
- Member of Omicron Kappa Sigma: Economic Honors Society (Inducted 2014)
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa: Academic Honors Society (Inducted 2014)
- Honors Thesis Research: Gender bias in print media coverage of gubernatorial races (Approved 2015)

Varsity Golf Team, College of Saint Benedict Athletic Department

August 2011 – May 2015

Captain (2012 – 2015)

- All-Conference Sportsmanship Team: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 2012 and 2013 Golf Team
- St. Ben’s Presidential Award Recipient 2015: Athlete who best exemplifies leadership, dedication, and concern for others