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Top Skills

Nonprofit Organizations
Business Strategy
IT Strategy

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Spanish (Limited Working)

Luke Branscum

Strategic Initiatives and Operations, Invest in Our Future
Seattle, Washington, United States

Summary

After two incredible years in the #BidenAdministration at the U.S. Department of Energy, Luke is bringing his six years of experience in government and politics back to Seattle to work at the intersection of Climate, Energy, Politics, Philanthropy, and Government. Skilled in government relations, political strategy & campaigns, clean energy policy, Federal Government funding mechanisms, strategic planning, messaging, event planning, research, fundraising, grant coordination, and management. Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics with cum laude honors from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Experience

Invest in Our Future

1 year 4 months

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Operations

September 2024 - Present (3 months)

Seattle, Washington, United States

The Strategic Initiatives and Operations Director reports to the Chief of Staff and serves as a key strategic thought partner and operations leader, who will be responsible for driving organizational alignment across people, strategies, workflows, and systems, encouraging cross-functional collaboration and a mutual pursuit of organizational goals. The Director leads special projects and critical day-to-day operations for IOF. In this role, the Director identifies and leads new strategic initiatives as they arise, providing flexibility to the program team and organization to investigate new potential workstreams and areas for key value-driving impact. The Director also identifies and mitigates risk to the organization.

Operations Manager

August 2023 - September 2024 (1 year 2 months)

Seattle, Washington, United States

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Climate Consultant
March 2023 - August 2023 (6 months)
Seattle, Washington, United States

I am currently consulting for the Hewlett Foundation's climate team on how philanthropy can best support implementation of recent climate legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and CHIPS+ Science Act, which together are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen our economy and communities through decarbonization.

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
2 years 2 months

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy
April 2022 - February 2023 (11 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Special Assistant to the Chief Of Staff
September 2021 - April 2022 (8 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
January 2021 - September 2021 (9 months)
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

59th Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC)
Northwest Deputy Regional Finance Director
November 2020 - January 2021 (3 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Biden for President
Northwest Deputy Regional Finance Director
June 2019 - November 2020 (1 year 6 months)
Greater Seattle Area

Blue Wave Political Partners
Senior Fundraising Associate
August 2018 - May 2019 (10 months)
Greater Seattle Area

Jason Ritterer for Congress
Finance Director

July 2017 - August 2018 (1 year 2 months)

Issaquah, WA

Sneak Preview Entertainment

Production Assistant

March 2017 - June 2017 (4 months)

Hollywood, CA

Senator Dianne Feinstein's Los Angeles Office

Constituent Services Intern

January 2017 - March 2017 (3 months)

Los Angeles, California

Hillary for America

Southwest Finance Intern

August 2016 - November 2016 (4 months)

Los Angeles, CA

The Walt Disney Company

Financial Analyst Intern

June 2016 - August 2016 (3 months)

Burbank, CA

Student Alumni Association at UCLA

Company Director, Spring Sing Executive Committee

September 2015 - May 2016 (9 months)

Los Angeles, CA

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Finance Intern at Ameriprise Private Wealth Advisory Practice

August 2014 - February 2016 (1 year 7 months)

Los Angeles, CA

Student Alumni Association at UCLA

1 year 10 months

Strategy Analyst, Business Development Executive Committee

September 2014 - June 2015 (10 months)

Los Angeles, CA

Budget Intern

July 2014 - December 2014 (6 months)

Los Angeles, CA

Alumni Relations Director of Bruin Spirit
September 2013 - June 2014 (10 months)
Los Angeles, CA

Athletics Peer Learning Lab at UCLA
Peer Learning Facilitator
July 2014 - January 2015 (7 months)
Los Angeles, CA

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts (BA), Business Economics, Minor in Film

Carlmont High School