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Top Skills

Data Analysis
History
Research

Languages

Hebrew (Limited Working)
English (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

Chancellor's Award of Distinction
Dynamic Woman of UC Irvine Award for Academic Achievement
The Humanities Honors Program
UC Irvine Engagement Award for Service
Phi Beta Kappa

Lauren Kerner

Special Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Lauren Kerner currently serves as a political appointee in the Office of the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce, where she manages day-to-day and long-term strategic management for Deputy Secretary Don Graves. Most recently before joining the Commerce Department, she served as Special Assistant in the Office of U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman.

Experience

U.S. Department of Commerce
1 year 7 months

Special Advisor to the Deputy Secretary
March 2023 - September 2023 (7 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary
March 2022 - March 2023 (1 year 1 month)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

U.S. Small Business Administration
Special Assistant, Office of the Administrator
July 2021 - March 2022 (9 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Jennifer Carroll Foy for Governor
Regional Organizing Director
March 2021 - June 2021 (4 months)
Arlington, Virginia, United States

Florida Democratic Party
Regional Organizing Director
June 2020 - November 2020 (6 months)
Broward County, Florida, United States

- Managed 8 organizers with 221 active volunteers and 33 volunteer leaders to produce one of the highest direct voter contact operations in the state: 1,198,430 attempts with 44,308 contacts in MyVoters
- Implemented a volunteer Get-Out-The-Vote program which produced an 11% increase in Democratic voter turnout compared to 2016 across 125 precincts
- Directed strategic communication structures including weekly team development meetings and one-on-one coaching to support first time and experienced organizers to exceed state action metrics at a regional average of 120%
- Instilled a collaborative and supportive team ethos which allowed our region to successfully undertake rapid-response projects including organizing volunteers at 30 priority-one polling places during Early Vote and Election Day
- Developed a series of virtual organizing events to engage the Caribbean-American, Latino, Jewish, Women, and Youth constituency groups to scale up our direct voter contact program with Broward's diversity at top of mind

Biden for President

Field Organizer

December 2019 - June 2020 (7 months)

New Hampshire, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida

- Trained and managed a team of 15 active volunteers to mobilize and increase voter engagement in New Hampshire's largest and most rural turf in Coos and northern Grafton County
 - Provided additional organizing support ahead of the South Carolina primary in Charleston, SC, including direct voter contact, volunteer recruitment, event building, and securing an emergency staging location
 - Organized a Biden volunteer team in Orlando, FL, managed multiple community events including two office openings, a results watch party, and coordinated volunteer efforts with local LGBTQ+ organizations
 - Piloted a virtual organizing program in Virginia which was utilized during the general election, including the campaign's first virtual volunteer training with a major surrogate
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Yala Young Leaders

Intern

June 2016 - August 2016 (3 months)

Tel Aviv Area, Israel

- Supported post-Arab Spring citizen journalism and peace initiatives across the Middle East and North Africa under the supervision of Uri Savir, former member of the Knesset and Chief Negotiator of the Oslo Accords
- Assisted organizing and mediating a conflict-mediation workshop for 30 Israelis and Palestinians from Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza at the America House in East Jerusalem

UC Irvine

2 years 1 month

Greek Songfest Executive Producer
June 2015 - June 2016 (1 year 1 month)
Irvine, California

Greek Songfest Philanthropy Director
June 2014 - June 2015 (1 year 1 month)

Delta Gamma

Vice President

December 2014 - May 2015 (6 months)
Irvine, California

ASUCI | Associated Students of University of California, Irvine

Legislative Representative

January 2014 - December 2014 (1 year)
Irvine, California

Jewish Federation & Family Services, Orange County

Intern

June 2014 - August 2014 (3 months)
Irvine, California

Education

University of Oxford

Master of Science - MS, Modern Middle Eastern Studies · (2018 - 2019)

UC Irvine

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), History · (2013 - 2017)