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news.unm.edu/news/unm-students-attend-competitive-leadership-academy (Portfolio)
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Top Skills

Grant Writing
Organizational Leadership
Project Management

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Spanish (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

Rising Star Award
Fellow
Millennial Leadership Award
Iara D. Peng Award
Distinguished Alumni Award

Publications

Creating Pathways For Minority Women
First 100 Days Immigration Townhall
SFCC KEYNOTE ADDRESS
40 Under 40:Latinos in US Politics
NACO Presentation

Cindy Nava

White House Presidential Appointee|Senior Policy Advisor| U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development|Public Policy & Political Strategist dedicated to changing systems through culturally competent engagement strategies

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Experience

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

1 year 3 months

White House Presidential Appointee | Senior Policy Advisor

July 2022 - Present (1 year 3 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary | Office of Field Policy & Management

December 2022 - January 2023 (2 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Transform Education NM

Executive Director

November 2021 - July 2022 (9 months)

NAVA Strategies

Consultant

February 2021 - October 2021 (9 months)

Ben Ray Luján for U.S. Senate

1 year 3 months

Political Director

June 2020 - January 2021 (8 months)

Outreach & Engagement Director

November 2019 - June 2020 (8 months)

New Mexico

U.S. House of Representatives

Regional Liaison Lead for the Office of the Assistant Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

November 2019 - July 2020 (9 months)

NAVA Strategies

Consultant

August 2019 - November 2019 (4 months)

Chicago, Illinois, United States

Public policy, leadership development, political strategy, culturally relevant outreach/engagement strategies, & motivational speaking.

The Aspen Institute's Executive Leadership Seminars

Fellow

October 2019 - October 2019 (1 month)

Wye River, Maryland

United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

Chief Administrative Officer

July 2018 - July 2019 (1 year 1 month)

Chicago, Illinois

Latino Center for Leadership Development

Fellow

August 2017 - August 2018 (1 year 1 month)

Dallas, Texas, United States

Learning Alliance NM

Executive Director

July 2017 - July 2018 (1 year 1 month)

The University of New Mexico

Summer Instructor for Indigenous International Programs

May 2016 - May 2018 (2 years 1 month)

UNM Center for Education Policy Research

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2016 - December 2017 (2 years)

Univeristy of NM

The New Mexico House of Representatives

House Majority - Legislative Policy Analyst

December 2016 - May 2017 (6 months)

ENLACE NM

Graduate Community Engagement Fellow

August 2014 - April 2017 (2 years 9 months)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Research Assistant
April 2016 - December 2016 (9 months)

Emerge New Mexico
Graduate
June 2015 - June 2016 (1 year 1 month)

Center for Education Policy Research at UNM
Graduate Research Fellow & Legislative Bill Tracker
December 2015 - March 2016 (4 months)

The University of New Mexico
1 year

Legislative Steering Committee Chairwoman
August 2015 - January 2016 (6 months)
Albuquerque, New Mexico Area

Policy & Civic Engagement Capacity Builder
February 2015 - January 2016 (1 year)

Democratic National Committee
Political Department & Hispanic Media Fellow
March 2015 - July 2015 (5 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Political & Hispanic Media Department Fellow.

New Mexico State Legislature
Policy Fellow: Office of Senate Majority Leader
January 2015 - March 2015 (3 months)
Santa Fe, New Mexico Area

Senate: Policy analysis, briefings, research & constituent engagement.

United States Student Association
South Central Chair
February 2014 - 2015 (1 year)

New Mexico State Legislature
Intern: Office of Senate Majority Leader

January 2014 - March 2014 (3 months)

People For the American Way
"Young People For" National fellow
June 2013 - 2014 (1 year)

Young Democrats of New Mexico
Women's Caucus Chairwoman
June 2013 - 2014 (1 year)

Associated Students of the University of New Mexico
Executive Director of Governmental affairs
June 2012 - June 2013 (1 year 1 month)

Obama for America
Field Organizing fellow
May 2012 - November 2012 (7 months)

New Mexico State Legislature
Public Affairs Intern: Office of Lt. Governor
January 2012 - May 2012 (5 months)

UNM office of Government Relations
Government Relations Intern
January 2011 - January 2012 (1 year 1 month)

UNM El centro de la Raza
Community Research Intern
January 2011 - January 2012 (1 year 1 month)

New Mexico State Legislature
Intern
January 2008 - February 2011 (3 years 2 months)
Legislative intern/ Office of Senator Cynthia Nava

Education

The University of New Mexico
Master of Educational Leadership & Policy, Higher Education Policy &
Politics · (2016 - 2021)

The University of New Mexico

Bachelor's degree, Political Science and Government · (June 2011 - May 2014)

Santa Fe Community College

Associate Degree, Education · (2011)