

Joseph Anastacio

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Core competencies:

Project Management
Correspondence and Drafting
Strategic Communications
Political Research

Political/Campaign Messaging
Digital Media
Outreach Coordination
Grassroots Organizing

Professional Networking
Constituent Services
Interpersonal Relationships
Schedule Management

Education:

University of California, Riverside | School of Public Policy
Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy

Riverside, CA
May 2027

Work Experience:

UC Student Association.

Government Relations Vice Chair

Leads statewide federal advocacy for over 280,000 UC students by coordinating national lobbying efforts and developing legislative priorities. Builds partnerships with congressional offices and national coalitions to advance higher education equity and student rights. Oversee execution of identity-based advocacy days include Latine, SWANA, and AANHPI. Oversaw UCSA Policy Fellowship Program.

Riverside, CA

July 2024 – present

Associated Students of UC Riverside

Legislative Director

Oversees university-wide legislative advocacy by managing ASUCR's Legislative Advocacy Committee and directing student engagement in local, state, and federal policy. Develops and implements advocacy strategies to advance affordability, student safety, and higher education access.

Riverside, CA

July 2025 – present

Federal Relations Director

Serves as the primary liaison between the student body and federal government entities, advocating for policies that benefit students and the university community. This role involves coordinating federal lobbying efforts, monitoring legislative developments, and ensuring that UCR's interests are represented at the national level.

July 2024 – July 2025

University of California, Riverside

Marketing Comm. and Events Student Assistant

Support S&DR programming by preparing donor birthday cards and coordinating student profiles. Draft and review donor correspondence to ensure clear, personalized communication. Collaborate with the university's development unit to execute donor-related events and engagement efforts.

Riverside, CA

April 2024 – May 2025

Stewardship and Donor Relations Student Assistant

Support S&DR programming by preparing donor birthday cards and coordinating student profiles. Draft and review donor correspondence to ensure clear, personalized communication. Collaborate with the university's development unit to execute donor-related events and engagement efforts.

April 2024 – May 2025

External Engagement Student Assistant

Supported the Dean and Director of External Engagement in managing positive relations and branding of the school with the external community. I assist in the organization/execution of events and our biweekly podcast showing, as well as assisting with digital social media communications.

September 2023 – April 2024

College Democrats of America

Associate Director of Policy, Interim Endorsements Coordinator

Serve as a leader focused on shaping and advancing our party's policy initiatives and agendas. Collaborate closely with senior leadership, policy analysts, and external stakeholders to develop, refine, and implement strategies that align with the party's vision and values. Developing a student lobby program.

Washington, D.C.

December 2023 – January 2025

Rhodesia Ransom for State Assembly

Communications and Social Media Manager

Support the candidate and campaign manager in developing a social media campaign. I oversaw and executed the creation of digital media along with planning communications releases. Assisted in strategy formulation for communications.

Stockton, CA

June 2024 – January 2025

Digital Media and Communications Intern

Supported the candidate in developing multiple social media campaign. I oversaw and executed the creation of digital media along with planning communications releases. Also includes drafting, revising, and coordinating email releases and timely newsletters.

August 2023 – January 2024

Students for Harris-Walz, University of California, Riverside.

Principal Coordinator

Oversee a team of coordinators and organizers to target student demographics and mobilize support for Kamala Harris. Includes administrative-financial oversight, communications coordination, programming implementation, and professional development. I regularly interact with local community political organizations and youth groups to foster relationships and pool resources.

Riverside, CA

December 2023 – November 2024

California Democratic Party*Youth Vote and Organizing Intern*

Mobilize young voters through outreach, voter registration drives, and digital strategies. Provided organizing support for Adam Gray's Congressional campaign in California's 13th District and strengthened youth-focused voter education programs. Additionally, I built partnerships with grassroots organizations to maximize turnout.

Sacramento, CA*June 2024 – September 2024***Will Rollins for Congress***Precinct Organizer*

Focus on grassroots engagement and voter mobilization, coordinate outreach strategies, manage volunteers, and lead door-to-door canvassing to effectively communicate our campaign message. I serve as a community relations contact for the Will Rollins campaign.

Riverside, CA*January 2024 – May 2024***Office of Congressman Josh Harder (CA9)***Constituent Services Fellow*

Worked closely with elected officials and staff members to assist in addressing and resolving issues raised by constituents. My primary responsibility was to provide direct support to the constituents by gathering relevant information and liaising on their behalf with federal agencies. I also operated in the field by developing constituent relations and brand awareness through constituent interfacing and regular communication with local officials.

Stockton, CA*June 2023 – September 2023***Additional Experience:****California College Democrats***Executive Director*

Oversee statewide communications strategy for California College Democrats, managing platforms including Instagram, Mailchimp, Discord, and X to enhance outreach and engagement. Draft and disseminate official statements, resolutions, press releases, and event promotions in coordination with the President and Executive Board. Maintained organizational records and supported planning and execution of statewide meetings, programs, and campaigns.

Riverside, CA*May 2025 – present***College Democrats of UC Riverside (Club)***President*

Leads the organization in mobilizing student engagement, organizing events, and facilitating volunteer efforts to support Democratic candidates and voter turnout, with a particular focus on the high-stakes atmosphere of a presidential election year. This role involves coordinating with regional and national Democratic campaigns, empowering members, and fostering political discussions on campus.

Riverside, CA*August 2024 – present***Pacific Islander Student Association at UCR***Social Events Coordinator*

Plans and executes community-building events celebrating Pasifika identity and cultural pride within the UC Riverside community. Strengthens student belonging by fostering collaboration with other cultural organizations and campus departments.

Riverside, CA*July 2024 – July 2025**Political Director, Vice President of External Affairs*

Oversaw communications with elected officials and Democratic candidates and elects. Developed political action programming and messaging for the club chapter. Oversaw planning and execution of recruitment-oriented initiatives.

*September 2023 – August 2024***Josh Harder for Congress***Volunteer*

Assisted with grassroots organizing efforts, including canvassing, phone banking, and voter outreach to support Congressman Harder's reelection campaign. Worked closely with campaign staff to engage constituents, strengthen community relationships, and promote voter participation in California's 9th Congressional District.

Stockton, CA*June 2024 – November 2024***PROJECT(s)****PRESENTATION(s)**

Student Spotlight: University of California, Riverside School of Public Policy (Presentation)

This presentation will be an overview of my ongoing research into the displacement of Afghans following the US-NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021 and the subsequent rise of Taliban rule in the country. My hope is to inform students, faculty, and local community members of Riverside, CA about this ongoing humanitarian refugee crisis. Presented Spring 2023.