

Salvatore R. DeFrancesco

Current Address:



Contact Information:



EDUCATION

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

May 2019

A.B. in Social Studies, summa cum laude

Honors: Rhodes Scholar Finalist, Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College Scholar

Topics of Study: Modern American politics, writing, communications, journalism, criminal justice reform, campaign finance reform, ethics.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania Democratic Party, Scranton/Reading, PA

Jul. – Nov. 2020

Regional Organizing Director

Managed a team of six field organizers covering three PA counties during the 2020 general election. Coached organizers to develop a team of over 250 active volunteers to engage in direct voter contact, generating enthusiasm for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris and swinging the counties by three points for Democrats (compared with 2016). Executed simultaneous in-person and virtual organizing programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, while implementing digital recruitment strategies to leverage social media networks for volunteer recruitment and voter education. Fostered a positive following on Twitter to promote the election.

Biden for President, Manchester, NH; Cincinnati, OH; Wisconsin (remote)

Jun. 2019 – Jul. 2020

Regional Organizing Director; Organizer

Cultivated a grassroots volunteer program to conduct daily direct voter contact, persuade possible supporters, and ultimately, get out the vote for the New Hampshire primary. Successfully ran a 500+ attendee principal event as site lead, as well as multiple high-profile surrogate events. Led the campaign's Wisconsin primary efforts for four months with a team of six organizers. Over 7,000 doors knocked; over 25,000 calls made.

Harvard Political Review

Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2018

Executive Board Member - Staff Director; Senior Editor

Oversaw all daily magazine functions among an editorial staff of over 100 members. Set quarterly goals for the magazine, including new initiatives for publication quality, online viewership reach, and diversity and inclusion among the staff. Managed staff communications, coordinated organizational meetings, and supervised all new staff members. Also served for more than a year as Senior Editor for the magazine's print edition, rigorously fact-checking and editing both daily news articles and op-eds.

Office of Congressman Matthew Cartwright, Washington, D.C.

Jun. – Aug. 2016

Intern of Legislative Affairs and Constituent Communications

Assisted the Congressman and his staff with daily constituent communications, including speaking with constituents on the phone and writing dozens of response letters, email blasts, and memos on any and all topics of concern to Northeast Pennsylvanians.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

May – Aug. 2017

Intern Investigator

Conducted investigative work to aid the defense of indigent clients from the District of Columbia. Assisted two attorneys with their serious felony cases. Took written statements from complainants, conducted interviews with witnesses, served subpoenas, canvassed crime scenes for evidence and for witnesses, took crime scene photographs, edited video and audio clips for trial, aided attorneys and clients with trial preparation, checked criminal histories, and conducted social media background research.

Small Claims Advisory Service

Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2018

Volunteer Legal Assistant

Assisted clients throughout Massachusetts by providing legal information to empower low income individuals to advocate for and represent themselves in small claims court regarding auto law, landlord/tenant disputes, contract law, consumer law, wage law, judgment collections, and general small claims procedures.

PROFICIENCIES

Computer Software: NGP/VAN, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, Zoom, Stata, LaTeX, Atticus.

Other Skills: Writing (long-form and briefs), Research (including archival work), Data Analysis, Teaching/Instructing, Public Speaking, Event Planning, Communications/Journalism, Tweeting (for better or worse)