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### EDUCATION

<b>FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY</b> Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Minor in International Relations	Graduated May 2008
<b>BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL</b>	Graduated May 1999

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**10/99 – Present**

<b>CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN</b> - District Office	<i>Congressional Aide</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Handle constituent casework dealing with Social Security, CMS, State Department, FEMA, IRS, SBA, USCIS and other federal agencies.</li><li>Arrange press conferences, draft press releases, represent the Congresswoman on television and radio, and arrange meetings with representatives from other Congressional districts.</li><li>Organize blood drives, toy drives, and organ donor awareness drives.</li><li>Serve as the Congresswoman's liaison for County Commissioner's and State Representative's offices and assist them with casework and issues that fall within both jurisdictions.</li><li>Meet with members of the Congresswoman's district regarding legislation and make recommendations to the Congresswoman on possible courses of action regarding legislation.</li><li>Assist in the drafting and passage of legislation.</li><li>Represent the Congresswoman at meetings and projects throughout her Congressional district, such as: working with the Mayors of the County and local municipalities on Haitian Earthquake relief; the Miami-Dade Housing Authority on the recent housing crisis; the Army Corps of Engineers and the Port of Miami regarding appropriations; FEMA on the closeouts of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma; and county and state offices regarding the Miami River dredging.</li><li>Assist in administrative duties, including: staff leave time coordination and tabulation; distribution of caseload; advising staff in the selection of health plans; devising office effectiveness plans; coordinating office moving plans; and determining computer program selection and office equipment purchase and lease contracts.</li></ul>	

**06/08 – 11/08**

<b>ROS-LEHTINEN FOR CONGRESS</b> - Campaign Headquarters	<i>Campaign Coordinator</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Managed the Congresswoman's campaign headquarters and organized volunteer operations.</li><li>Organized the distribution of campaign materials, campaign events, fundraisers, and the promotion of the Congresswoman within her district.</li></ul>	

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**5/08 – Present**

<b>RADIO PAZ 830AM – <i>COMPARTIENDO CONTIGO</i></b>	<i>Political Analyst</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Political Analyst on a weekly, hour long, live, open forum radio show discussing a variety of political international, national, and local issues.</li></ul>	

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (continued)**

<b>5/07 – Present</b>	<b>LIFE ALLIANCE ORGAN RECOVERY AGENCY</b>	<i>Board Member</i>
	▪ Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA) is a non-profit community service organization which obtains organs for clinical transplantation throughout southeast Florida and transports them to transplant centers within the United States.	
<b>02/10 – 11/10</b>	<b>MIAMI-DADE CATHOLICS FOR MARCO RUBIO</b>	<i>Chairman</i>
	▪ Responsible for the Catholic outreach for Former Speaker Marco Rubio's campaign for United States Senator of Florida by organizing volunteers and assigning parish captains for all 65 Miami-Dade County Catholic churches.	
<b>2/08 – 10/09</b>	<b>RISING REPUBLICAN YOUTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA</b>	<i>President</i>
	▪ Rising Republican Youth of South Florida was a Republican club for youth between the ages of 18 and 35 geared towards promoting participation of members of this age group in the political process and forming future politically leaders.	
<b>03/08 – 11/08</b>	<b>NATIONAL CATHOLICS FOR MCCAIN STEERING COMMITTEE</b>	<i>Committee Member</i>
	▪ Under the leadership of Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, was a member of this national steering committee comprised of Catholics from around the country, with the purpose of advising Senator John McCain on Catholic issues during his Presidential campaign.	
<b>11/07 – 11/08</b>	<b>MIAMI-DADE CATHOLICS FOR MCCAIN-PALIN</b>	<i>Chairman</i>
	▪ Responsible for all Catholic outreach for Senator John McCain's presidential campaign during the primary and general elections, including the organization of literature drops to all 266 Catholic masses in Miami-Dade County.	
<b>5/06 – 11/07</b>	<b>RADIO PAZ 830AM – <i>SOBRE LA MESA</i></b>	<i>Host</i>
	▪ Hosted a weekly, hour long, live, open forum radio program discussing a variety of issues that affected the youth in our community. The program included segments on World Issues and Politics, Entertainment and Technology, the Church, and Sports.	
<b>10/04 – 5/06</b>	<b>ENCUENTROS JUVENILES</b>	<i>Coordinator</i>
	▪ Coordinated the operations of Encuentros Juveniles, a Catholic youth group geared towards forming future leaders. ▪ Organized numerous community service projects including an annual Thanksgiving food drive for over 400 families and an annual picnic.	

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

- Windows 95/98, 2000, Vista, and XP, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Front Page, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Expression Web.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- Fluent in English and Spanish; basic French.