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EDUCATION

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Graduated May 2008

Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Minor in International Relations

BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Graduated May 1999

WORK EXPERIENCE

10/99 – Present

CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN - District Office

Congressional Aide

- Handle constituent casework dealing with Social Security, CMS, State Department, FEMA, IRS, SBA, USCIS and other federal agencies.
- Arrange press conferences, draft press releases, represent the Congresswoman on television and radio, and arrange meetings with representatives from other Congressional districts.
- Organize blood drives, toy drives, and organ donor awareness drives.
- 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.
- Meet with members of the Congresswoman's district regarding legislation and make recommendations to the Congresswoman on possible courses of action regarding legislation.
- Assist in the drafting and passage of legislation.
- 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.
- 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.

06/08 – 11/08

ROS-LEHTINEN FOR CONGRESS - Campaign Headquarters

Campaign Coordinator

- Managed the Congresswoman's campaign headquarters and organized volunteer operations.
- Organized the distribution of campaign materials, campaign events, fundraisers, and the promotion of the Congresswoman within her district.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

5/08 – Present

RADIO PAZ 830AM – *COMPARTIENDO CONTIGO*

Political Analyst

- Political Analyst on a weekly, hour long, live, open forum radio show discussing a variety of political international, national, and local issues.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (continued)

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| 5/07 – Present | LIFE ALLIANCE ORGAN RECOVERY AGENCY
▪ 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. | <i>Board Member</i> |
| 02/10 – 11/10 | MIAMI-DADE CATHOLICS FOR MARCO RUBIO
▪ 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. | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2/08 – 10/09 | RISING REPUBLICAN YOUTH OF SOUTH FLORIDA
▪ 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. | <i>President</i> |
| 03/08 – 11/08 | NATIONAL CATHOLICS FOR MCCAIN STEERING COMMITTEE
▪ 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. | <i>Committee Member</i> |
| 11/07 – 11/08 | MIAMI-DADE CATHOLICS FOR MCCAIN-PALIN
▪ 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. | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 5/06 – 11/07 | RADIO PAZ 830AM – <i>SOBRE LA MESA</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. | <i>Host</i> |
| 10/04 – 5/06 | ENCUENTROS JUVENILES
▪ 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. | <i>Coordinator</i> |

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.