

# Joel Saklad

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## EDUCATION

- American University**, School of Public Affairs (SPA), Washington, D.C. May 2021  
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications, Law, Economics, and Government (CLEG)  
*Honors:* School of Public Affairs Leadership Program, American University Scholars Living Learning Community
- Communications Arts High School**, San Antonio, TX June 2017  
*Honors:* Distinguished Diploma, top ten of graduating class, GPA: 4.01

## EXPERIENCE

- Bank of America Student Leader Intern, Communities in Schools of San Antonio*, San Antonio, TX June-August 2016
- Coordinated summer programs designed to inspire disadvantaged students of struggling San Antonio communities
  - Collaborated with community activists and leaders to craft new opportunities and programs for students
  - Collated and analyzed extensive datasets using Microsoft Excel
  - Networked with other Student Leaders from across the nation and attended seminars from experts about activism and change during the Bank of America Student Leadership Symposium in Washington, D.C.
- Student, SPA Leadership Program*, Washington, D.C. August 2017-Present
- Learned the various theories and methods of leadership and positive group dynamics
  - Researched with fellow students applicable solutions to systemic economic inequality in the Washington, D.C. region
- Student, AU Scholars Program*, Washington, D.C. August 2017-Present
- Lived in a living learning community dedicated to promoting undergraduate research opportunities
  - Learned key tools necessary to conducting advanced research in the political science field

## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Vice President, National Honor Society Communications Arts HS*, San Antonio, TX August 2016-May 2017
- Networked with prominent local non-profit leaders to arrange speaking engagements and volunteering programs
  - Designed and presented information to provide students with new service opportunities
  - Coordinated with non-profits and students to help maximize positive effects of community service
- Class Historian, Class of 2017 Class Officer*, San Antonio, TX May 2014-May 2017
- Gathered and organized photos and interviews from students and faculty
  - Fundraised, planned, and ran a formal banquet for the graduating class and their families
  - Created 45-minute documentary showcasing every student throughout high school
- Fellow, Battleground Texas*, San Antonio, TX Spring 2014
- Called and talked with registered voters about the then-upcoming elections
  - Participated in campaign-related events designed to increase community awareness
  - Supported candidates in state and local elections by finding local volunteers and advocating youth participation

## SKILLS

- *Computer:* Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Animate (Flash Professional), and Audition; Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; research databases (JSTOR, ProQuest); Google Drive
- *Social Media:* Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat
- *Language:* List language(s) and level(s) of proficiency