

# Joel Saklad

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## EDUCATION

**American University**, School of Public Affairs (SPA), Washington, D.C. December 2019  
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

*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
- Crafted a public advocacy campaign to raise awareness of food deserts

*Executive Board Member, J Street U American University*, Washington, D.C. August 2018-Present

- Advocate for a lasting two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- Foster a dialogue between entrenched pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli sides in an effort fight against radicalism
- Bring in experts to campus to educate students and discuss policies aimed at promoting peace

*Student, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya*, Israel June 2018

- Discussed with Knesset opposition members their hopes for a two-state future
- Studied the divide between human rights watchdog organizations and military forces
- Analyzed the unintended consequences of counter-terror and conflict management policies in Israel

*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.

## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Summer Fellow, Gina Ortiz Jones for Congress*, San Antonio, TX May and August 2018

- Phone banked with prospective voters to inform them of the campaign and increase election turnout
- Participated in campaign-related events designed to increase community awareness
- Block-walked in neighborhoods to advocate for the campaign and gather data

*Student, AU Scholars Program*, Washington D.C. August 2017-May 2018

- 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

*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
- Produced 45-minute documentary showcasing every student over four years of high school

## SKILLS

- *Computer*: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Animate (Flash Professional), and Audition; Audacity; Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint; Final Cut Pro, Motion; research databases (JSTOR, ProQuest); Google Drive; qualitative content analysis software (NVivo)
- *Social*: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn, Slack