

# KATHERINE G. RAIANO

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## EDUCATION

**American University**, School of Public Affairs (SPA), Washington, DC May 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

*Honors:* SPA Leadership Program

Relevant Courses and Projects:

- Politics in The United States- Met with members of the DC community to discuss the inner workings of American government
- Writing Intensive- Researched and wrote 8 page essay on disinformation and its effect on democratic processes

**Milford High School**, Milford, NH June 2020

*Honors and Activities:* Graduated 8th and Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 4.3/4.5, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society

- Academic World Quest: Model G20 Summit Full Tuition (Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK)
- National History Day Senior Project: Marilla Ricker, 1st state female attorney - New Hampshire State Champion
- Center for Civic Education Congressional Summer Academy (Goucher College, Baltimore, MD)
- Milford High School Kaley Speech Contest Winner

## EXPERIENCE

**Intern - Andru Volinsky for Governor - Concord, NH** July-September 2020

- Collaborated with campaign staff, progressive non profits, and climate organizations to reach key voters
- Phone banked to persuade absentee and in person voters to support challenging the incumbent Governor

**Policy Writer - Roosevelt Network - American University** September 2020 - Present

- Simulated election and policy outcomes to understand strengths and weaknesses of governmental action
- Researched, wrote and submitted policy suggestion for chosen problem

**Program Member - SPA Leadership Program - American University** September 2020 - Present

- Studied and developed leadership skills by implementing social action project in the DC metro area
- Collaborated with off campus organizations and experts to develop awareness and potential solutions for the mental health issues refugees may face

**Lifeguard, Swim Instructor - Town of Milford - Keyes Pool - Milford, NH** June 2018 - Present

- Kept watch over 20-30 young swimmers to ensure fast response when distress situations arose.
- Led instructional swim classes for children ages 4 to 9

**Team Coordinator - New Hampshire for Pete Buttigieg** September 2019 - February 2020

- Led team of 15 volunteers overseeing training on campaign's policies and voter outreach
- Canvassed three neighboring towns to educate voters on the candidate and his ideas.

**Communications Secretary - Milford High School Young Democrats** September 2019 - May 2020

- Directed and publicized civics opportunities available to 800-member student body
- Directed Birthday Box initiative: voter registration & education in their birthday month to students turning 18

**Marching Band Drum Major - Milford High School Marching Band** July 2019 - May 2020

- Led & conducted 60-piece marching band for games and competitions: 5/5-star Drum Major rating, Maine Band Directors Association Finals.

**Under Secretary General - Milford High School Model United Nations** October 2017 - May 2020

- Led policy research. Advocated positions & wrote resolutions. Participated in Montreal & NYC conferences. Outstanding Delegate & Diplomacy awards.