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EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University '27
- B.A. Political Science: Pre-Law
 - Minor: Law & Public Policy

SKILLS

- Legislative Research
- Government & Advocacy Experience
- Policy Analysis
- Trilingual: English, Spanish, French
- Data & Media Tools: R, Adobe, Microsoft

HONORS & AWARDS

- The Fund for American Studies Policy & Economics Scholar (D.C.) '25
- Tri-Alpha First-Generation Honors Society
- LeaderShape Institute Fellow (OSU) '26
- Ohio State National Student Leadership Convention Delegate (FL) '24
- Scholastic National Photo. Award (NY) '23

INITIATIVES

JAVforChange: Platform For...

- **Rooted Voices:**

Policy collaborative between community members and local leaders through townhalls.

- **The GenZ Approach:**

Podcast fostering peer-led communication for political & everyday situations.

- **JAVmedias:**

Award-winning photography & media platform

VOLUNTEERING

- Mentor for Immigrant & Refugee Children
- Office Clerk for Legal Expungement Clinics
- Latino Non-Profit Legislative Visit Coordinator

First-generation Mexican-American whose experiences in immigrant and underrepresented communities inspire a lifelong commitment to equity, justice, and representation through media, policy, and advocacy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative Page: Ohio House of Representatives

January 2025- Present | Democratic Caucus

- Draft policy memos, briefs, and floor materials for caucus members.
- Assist with constituent services impacting 3,742,887 Ohio residents, supporting outreach projects, and assisting with legislative meetings.

Commissioner: City of Columbus

July 2025- Present | Commission on Immigrant & Refugee Affairs

- Advise Officials on city safety, housing equity, and language access.
- Serving on the Policy & Advocacy Subcommittee, aimed at directly analysing, creating, and advocating for policy on the Commission's behalf.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Rules Committee: Ohio State University Senate

Sept. 2025- Present | Undergraduate Student Government

- Undergraduate voice on the Rules Committee, shaping bylaws, procedures, and policy reforms that govern the University Senate.
- Previous Senator for Commuter students, passing 6 impactful resolutions.

Founder: Undergraduate Latiné Student Caucus

Spring 2026 Goal | The Ohio State University

- Establishing Ohio's first Latiné legislative caucus to expand representation and institutional influence in University Shared Governance.
- Mobilizing Latiné students to participate in civic initiatives and events.

Co-National Liaison: Kappa Omega Alpha

May 2025- Present | Public Policy Fraternity, Eta Chapter

- Connecting students at Ohio State to KOA Chapters across the Country.
- Represent OSU's chapter to the National Executive Board, strengthening national partnerships and visibility.