

# J. Taylor Wright

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## EDUCATION

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### University of South Carolina | Honors College

Columbia, SC

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

May 2019

- Magna Cum Laude | GPA: (b)(6)
- Coursework: Economics; Statistics; Community Health Problems; Basic Proficiency in Spanish; Psychology; Epidemiology

### Harvard Kennedy School

Cambridge, MA

Public Policy & Leadership Conference

March 2017

- Selected as one of 50 students nationally to attend the annual conference designed to inspire talented, driven and diverse undergraduate students to pursue careers in public service, participating in policy workshops and lectures on various topics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Special Assistant to the Administrator | US Small Business Administration

Support the work of the Administrator and the agency to ensure effective execution of SBA and White House strategic priorities

- Serve as the liaison to mayors and local governments; launched strategy improving communication with mayor's offices
- Assist the implementation of special projects, including working with private sector partners to launch ecommerce initiative
- Coordinate written briefings for the administrator - drafting, editing, and researching for memos and speeches

### Director of Policy & Programs | Office of the Mayor, City of Columbia

June 2019-Present

Lead policy and program initiatives, and guide written and verbal communication efforts, in the Office of Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

- Coordinate internal and grassroots strategy for policy initiatives including health, sustainability, and anti-poverty campaigns
- Serve as the mayor's liaison to local and national organizations, cultivating relationships and compiling best practices
- Oversee \$800,000 office budget, establishing efficiencies during budget reductions and routinely preparing budget reports

### Student Body President | University of South Carolina

April 2018-April 2019

Elected with the most votes in university history, oversaw 250K budget, & led development & training of a 264-member organization

- Spearheaded creation of the South Carolina Student Collaborative, a group representing 105,000 students across the state
- Recommend action while serving on the Board of Trustees overseeing \$1.6B budget, as the representative for 50,000 students

### Consultant Intern | Resource Partners Consulting, LLC

May 2015 – January 2017

Diagnosed workflow efficiency concerns and improved technology of medical facilities in South Carolina & Washington, DC

- Collaborated with a team in the creation of 5 patient-centered medical home practices in Washington, DC
- Trained 18 medical professionals during the implementation of electronic medical records

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

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### University & Presidential Ambassador | University of South Carolina Visitors Center

September 2016-May 2019

Selected to represent and promote the university as a spokesperson for the history, opportunities, attributes, benefits, and services

- Facilitated over 50 campus tours to prospective students, their families, and other visitors
- Communicate information in a professional yet personal way with visitors, campus partners, fellow ambassadors, and staff

### Founder & Executive Director | Carolina Health Outreach

November 2016-February 2018

Created a student organization focused on improving the health of South Carolinians and exposing students to the healthcare field

- Aided in developing the "Holy Stroke" initiative alongside Palmetto Health Hospital and the American Heart Association
- Directed a team of 80 students in healthcare projects including statehouse lobbying and church health screenings and forums

### Chief of Staff | Lead the Way

May 2016-October 2016

Coordinated the second largest voter registration and education campaign on a college campus in 2016

- Executed successful voter registration drives across campus as well as at Clemson University, registering 5,834 students
- Facilitated a six-part forum series, featuring guest speakers from around the country, to educate students on political issues

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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**Skills:** Project Management; Written Communications; Consensus Building; Strategic Planning; Social Media

**Interests:** Community Development; Inclusion & Equity; Addressing Racial Wealth Gap; Public Health; Civic Engagement; Travel

**Awards:** Columbia Business Monthly Best & Brightest 35 & Under; UofSC President's Award; MOJA Rising Star Award