

## Benjamin M. Martel

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### EDUCATION

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**Brown University**, Bachelor of Arts in History, *Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa* **GPA: 4.0 ♦ May 2019**

- Brown University Portuguese Department “Writing Contest Winner of the Year” Award (2019)
- Brown University Student Activities Office “Exceptional New Leader of the Year” Award (2018)
- Refocus Human Services Agency “Team Leadership for Disability Advocacy” Award (2018)

### ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**59<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inaugural Committee**, *Motorcade Driver* **Washington, D.C. ♦ Jan. 2021**

- Served as driver in Vice President Kamala Harris’ Inauguration motorcade
- Supervised health protocols and roll call for bus transporting the family of Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff
- Personal motor-pool driver for Inaugural Committee’s Executive Director

**Democratic Party of Georgia**, *Regional Get-out-the-Vote Director* **Atlanta, GA ♦ Dec. 2020-Jan. 2021**

- Oversaw recruitment and coordination of voter protection volunteers at all polling sites in DeKalb county
- Implemented strategic plan to redirect confused voters who arrived at closed voting sites in DeKalb county

#### **Biden For President**

- **Florida Coordinated Campaign**, *Regional Organizing Director* **Palm Beach, FL ♦ Jul. 2020-Nov. 2020**
  - Managed team of 8 full-time Field Organizers who enlisted 68 volunteer leaders, the most out of 39 Florida regional teams
  - Ranked in top 10% of Florida regional teams in direct voter contact production, completing over 5,000 volunteer phonebank shifts
  - Led recruitment and deployment of 50 line-management volunteers to protect the vote at a mass urban polling site, helping combat historical efforts to suppress POC voters in Florida
  - Presented personal story and delivered motivational pitch to hundreds of voters on live public Zoom panel with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden
- **Southeast POD**, *Regional Organizing Director* **Palm Beach, FL & GA ♦ Mar. 2020-Jun. 2020**
  - Assisted the Florida State Director and the Senior Advisor for Jewish outreach with organizing live Zoom events to highlight issues, such as anti-Semitism, facing Jewish Americans
    - Helped manage relationships and outreach efforts to Florida Jewish surrogates, including Rep. Ted Deutch, Rep. Lois Frankel, state Rep. Joe Geller, & State Attorney Dave Aronberg
  - Crafted organizing blueprint and provided technical and strategic advice to Jewish Women for Joe, a national initiative led by prominent donors and movement leaders to mobilize Jewish women in support of the Biden-Harris ticket
  - Simultaneous to Jewish outreach responsibilities, managed team of 5 full-time Field Organizers who put on 150 virtual events in Georgia, drawing over 2,000 total attendees
  - Served as personal driver for former Secretary of State John Kerry during his trip to Palm Beach
- **Biden For Nevada**, *Regional Training Organizer* **Las Vegas, NV ♦ Feb. 2020**
  - Selected to lead mass pre-caucus trainings for all out-of-state and downtown Las Vegas volunteers
  - Presented and taught caucus rules to more than 100 volunteers over the course of 3 group trainings
  - Taught caucus rules to members of local IBEW Union, helping organized laborers become engaged in the political process
- **Biden For Iowa**, *Field Organizer* **Des Moines, IA ♦ Aug. 2019-Feb. 2020**
  - First Biden for Iowa Field Organizer to get full coverage for assigned precincts, recruiting 38 volunteer captains for 15 precincts. Built largest Field Organizer-level organization in Iowa, as 54 volunteers completed 580 phone and door shifts
  - Co-led effort to engage and activate the Sudanese and Liberian refugee communities in Des Moines

- Spearheaded planning of event featuring former Ambassador to the African Union, Michael Battle, with intended goal of lifting up the voices of refugees and providing a platform to share their authentic stories
- Briefed Senator Chris Coons on the issues facing Des Moines' Sudanese refugee community in advance of an informal gathering with community leaders at a local church
- Cultivated and helped manage relationships with former Iowa Attorney General Bonnie Campbell and current Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller
- Selected by Organizing leadership to closely "layer" and coach an underperforming co-worker

**U.S. Network for Democracy in Brazil at Brown, *Co-Founder* Providence, RI ♦ Fall 2018-Spring 2019**

- Co-led the Network's Brown chapter with James Green, a leading U.S. scholar of Brazilian human rights
- Arranged meeting between U.S. Rep. David Cicilline and Brazil Rep. Jean Wyllys to discuss LGBTQ rights
- Helped execute inaugural "Network for Democracy in Brazil" national conference at Columbia Law School
  - Conference brought together 200 leading activists committed to advocating for Brazil's marginalized communities. Event featured Fernando Haddad, runner-up in Brazil's 2018 presidential election

**Best Buddies at Brown University, *President* Providence, RI ♦ Fall 2017-Spring 2019**

- Led Brown chapter of Best Buddies, an organization dedicated to ending isolation of people with disabilities, that facilitated friendships between 75 students and adults with intellectual disabilities in the Providence area
- Coordinated all group activities and individual partnerships with executive leadership team of Refocus Inc, a non-profit human service agency serving adults with developmental disabilities
- Represented the state of Rhode Island delegation at the Best Buddies national conference in Indiana

**Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen, *Summer Intern* Washington, D.C. ♦ Summer 2017**

- Assisted External Affairs Director with event planning, community outreach, and policy research
- Engaged with Maryland constituents via telephone and in person on a wide range of issues

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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**Skills:** NGP VAN, ThruText, ThruTalk, Mobilize, Hustle; Clarinetist in Brown University Orchestra and Wind Quintet  
**Languages:** Portuguese (Intermediate)