

Melanie Johnson

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Education:

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Expected Graduation: May 2020

Major: Politics | Minor: History | GPA: 3.87

Awards and Honors: Paul Garrett Scholarship for Leadership, Alexander Anderson Merit Scholarship

Relevant Coursework: Introduction to Public Policy | American University, Washington, D.C. Semester Program in American Politics Track, Spring 2019

Relevant Experience:

Whitman Center for Global Studies, Boise, ID

May-August 2019

Policy Research Intern

- Conducted policy research on the resettlement of Syrian Refugees; analyzed and summarized findings in a policy paper about the factors of successful resettlement in Boise.
- Interviewed refugees, government officials, and NGO heads about the resettlement efforts of the community and summarized findings in weekly policy briefs.

Office of Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Washington, D.C.

January-May 2019

Congress Intern

- Wrote four to seven letters to constituents each week to communicate Congresswoman's position on range of policy issues with focus on foreign policy.
- Led constituents on tours of U.S. Capitol Building approximately three times a week.
- Wrote memos for legislative assistants briefing them on current legislation, recommending co-sponsorship when appropriate.
- Attended briefings and hearings to keep office updated on new developments and discussions among policymakers, think tanks, and academics.

Lisa Brown for Congress, Walla Walla, WA

August-November 2018

Campaign Intern

- Organized voter registration drives, volunteer coordination, and logistical support to advance campaign efforts.
- Coordinated with congressional campaign managers and Whitman clubs to host on-campus events.
- Prepared press releases for candidate's website and social media accounts increasing followership by 15%.

Corporate Accountability, Boston, MA

May-August 2018

Development Intern

- Conducted in-depth research on potential major donors to the organization and created recommended potential asks.
- Organized members remotely to undertake "nights of action" for the Water Campaign to have the Pennsylvania Attorney General prosecute water privatizing giant Veolia.
- Lead a team of interns to design and implement a new organizational system for Corporate Accountability's materials inventory to promote greater efficiency.

Leadership Experience:

Whitman College Student Engagement Center, Walla Walla, WA

September 2019-May 2020

Whitman Teaches the Movement Intern

- Coordinated volunteer program in which over 40 Whitman students taught lessons on civil rights and social justice to nearly 900 public school students in over 30 different local classrooms.
- Developed new curriculum on immigration, diversity, equity, and inclusion for third-grade students.
- Organized social justice programming for Whitman community, including speakers, movie screenings, and activist panels.