

Lindsay A. Thompson

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Summary

I am currently the Policy Director of Delaware/Maryland Agribusiness Association and the Programs and Policy Assistant at Maryland Agricultural Associates where I work for the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, Maryland Grain Producers Association, Maryland Green Industries Council, Maryland Pork Producers Association and the Mid-Atlantic Certified Crop Advisers program. After graduating from Washington College, I worked in the Maryland State Legislature as Chief of Staff to Delegate Cathy Vitale who served on the Environmental Matters Committee. While pursuing my master's degree, I interned in the Maryland Farm Bureau Government Relations office in Annapolis. In my time at Maryland Agricultural Associates I have served on the Chesapeake Bay Program Agriculture Workgroup and participated in state and national agricultural forums on environmental, agronomic and scientific issues. I grew up on a grain farm on Maryland's eastern shore have a keen understanding of agriculture.

Education

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE | MAY 2012 | WASHINGTON COLLEGE – SUMMA CUM LAUDE

- Major: Political Science

MASTERS OF PUBLIC POLICY | MAY 2014 | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

- Major: Public Policy

Employment

PROGRAMS AND POLICY ASSISTANT | MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATES | AUGUST 2013

- Conduct government, board, and public relations activities to represent and promote the interests of my client organizations.
- Serve as a voice for agriculture on workgroups and committees such as the Chesapeake Bay Program Agriculture and Toxic Contaminants Workgroups and the Governors Pesticide Advisory Committee.
- Research issues involving nutrients and crop protection products to provide information to my clients and government partners.
- Review legislation and provide oral testimony and written comments.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS INTERN | MARYLAND FARM BUREAU | JANUARY 2013-APRIL 2013

- Track legislation, provide written and oral testimony, and communicate with members and legislators.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FELLOW, INTERN FOR THE CITY OF BOWIE, MAY 2013 - AUGUST 2013

- Construct and implement a social media plan for the government of the City of Bowie.
- Conduct a GIS Tree mapping survey and make recommendations for a city tree planting program.

CHIEF OF STAFF | THE OFFICE OF DELEGATE CATHLEEN M. VITALE | MAY 2012-JANUARY 2013

- Manage the functioning of Delegate Vitale's legislative office by supervising staff, conducting constituent services, reviewing and tracking legislation, preparing reports for the Delegate on the Environmental Matters Committee schedule, drafting and distributing newsletters to constituents, and procuring office supplies.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND | AUGUST 2012- JANUARY 2014

- Conduct a comprehensive study of how states dealt with the recession and resulting budget crisis for use in a book by Dr. Phillip Joyce.
- Manage the Experts in Residence Program for the School of Public Policy Career Services by recruiting alumni to come meet with students one-on-one and advertising and scheduling meetings.