

# Margaret “Maggie” Wakefield

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## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Arts: Political Science**

**Degree Conferral: May 2026**

**Minor:** International Studies

Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

- **Cumulative GPA:** 3.93
- **Honors and Awards:** Rhodes College Presidential Scholarship, Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Scholarship, Honor Roll (5x), Dean’s list, Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Mortar Board Honor Society, Rho Lambda Sorority Leadership Honor Society

## EXPERIENCE

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**Afterschool Alliance, Policy Intern,** (Washington, D.C) **June 2025- July 2025**

- Conduct policy research and legislative tracking to support federal and state advocacy efforts for expanded afterschool and summer learning program funding.
- Draft policy briefs, grant summaries, and stakeholder communications to inform strategy and promote equitable access to out-of-school time programs.

**Shelby County Public Defender’s Office, Intern,** (Memphis, TN) **January 2025-May 2025**

- Assisted experienced attorneys in various aspects of case preparation and courtroom advocacy, including client interviews, legal research, and drafting motions and memoranda
- Gained hands-on experience across specialized units, including appellate defense and treatment courts (mental health, drug, and veterans’ courts)

**Alabama Trails Foundation, Intern,** (Birmingham, AL) **June 2024-January 2025**

- Assisted Alabama Trails Foundation Executive Director Cindy Ragland in organizing and conducting meetings with state and local government officials across Alabama
- Summarized and wrote one-page briefings of proposed projects in the area

**John Mannion for Congress, Remote Campaign Intern,** (Syracuse, NY) **June 2024-November 2024**

- Supported New York State Senator John Mannion’s Congressional campaign by engaging voters, writing legislative bill memos, and contributing to communications strategy
- Selected for Team Mannion’s Content Creator and Newsletter Teams; trained in effective policymaking and political campaign communications.

**Gloria Johnson for U.S. Senate, Campaign Intern,** (Memphis, TN) **October 2024-November 2024**

- Engaged in grassroots advocacy through targeted, door-to-door voter outreach and community engagement

**Jessie Husseth for Tennessee House District 97, Campaign Intern,** (Memphis, TN) **February 2024-May 2024**

- Engaged in grassroots advocacy through targeted, door-to-door voter outreach and community engagement

## LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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**Tri Delta Fraternity,** Vice President of Chapter Development and Programming

**2025-Present**

**Rho Lambda Honor Society,** *Secretary*

**2025-Present**

**Order of Omega Greek Honor Society,** *Vice President*

**2025-Present**

**Rhodes College NCAA Varsity Soccer,** *Student-Athlete*

**2022-Present**

**Rhodes Activities Board,** *Creativity Committee*

**2022-2024**