

Johnathan Quinn-Thomas Burch

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Memphis, TN / Charlotte, NC

EDUCATION

Rhodes College

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Health Equity, minor in Philosophy

Cumulative GPA: 3.74

Memphis, TN

Expected 2027

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Harry S. Truman Presidential Scholar, 2026
- Frederick Douglass-Daniel O'Connell Global Undergraduate Intern in Dublin, Ireland, 2025
- Posse Foundation Full Tuition Leadership Merit Scholarship Recipient, 2022-2027

EXPERIENCES

Irish Innocence Project, Griffith College Dublin Law School

Dublin, Ireland

Legal Research Intern

June 2025-August 2025

- Drafted and revised detailed wrongful conviction case closing reports, cross-referencing trial transcripts, witness testimony, and newly discovered evidence in collaboration with supervising barristers
- Researched Irish constitutional and criminal law, particularly the rights of the accused under Article 38, and authored a legal research paper on jury trial procedures and the presumption of innocence
- Shadowed barristers at the Irish Criminal Courts of Justice and the Supreme Court of Ireland, observing jury selection, appellate hearings, and trial procedures to compare Irish and U.S. legal systems

Church Health, Crosstown Concourse

Memphis, TN

Clinical Quality Improvement Intern

May 2024-June 2024

- Conducted research into continuity and quality of care treatment for minority groups
- Created visuals to assist providers when tracking hypertension rates among African American male patients
- Created advertisements for a provider training program focused on social determinants of health and equity

Washington Scholars Program, George Mason University

Fairfax, VA

Junior Faculty Advisor

July 2024

- Met with Senator Cory Booker to discuss careers in public healthcare policy
- Co-instructed interactive workshops on the importance of the First Amendment
- Mentored high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in journalism and politics

ACTIVITIES

Student Government Association, Rhodes College

Memphis, TN

Student Trustee

April 2025- Present

- Collaborate with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to balance academic rigor and student mental health and well-being
- Serve on the Campus Life Committee as Rhodes Student Government President, regularly updating the Board of Trustees on campus climate, student needs, and major cabinet projects and initiatives

President

April 2025 - April 2026

- Advocated for Rhodes student body as a liaison between the administration, Board of Trustees, alumni, and the greater Rhodes community, resulting in improvements in Rhodes campus culture
- Established and supported multiple campus initiatives in response to student needs and concerns, including the inaugural Kindness Campaign and leadership in the Educating Character Grant Initiative

Senator

September 2023-April 2025

- Coordinated a DEI focused discussion with the Director of DEI Programs and Community Engagement from the National Civil Rights Museum,
- Devised and organized a joint passport fair between Rhodes College and Christian Brothers University to educate students on the value of passports and study abroad experiences

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Mock Trial, Rhodes College

Attorney

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August 2023 - Present

- Competed as a prosecution attorney with an opening statement at the American Mock Trial Association's 41st National Championship, finishing 4th place in the CUA Law Division (2026)
- Accepted the Outstanding Attorney Award at the Miami University Invitational Mock Trial Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, earning 18 out of 20 ranks on the defense (2025)