

Sawyer Noe

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Skills

Communication skills, Time management, Leadership, English, Organizational Skills, Financial Planning, Financial Analysis, Public Speaking, Writing Skills, Project Management

Experience

Kentucky High School Democrats | Lexington, KY **Founding Member, Programs Director | 12/2023 - Present**

In the fall of 2023, I, along with six other students from across the Commonwealth, rechartered the long-inactive Kentucky High School Democrats. Once established, I became State Programs Director and embraced the position as an opportunity to foster growth within the organization. I have had the good fortune to contribute to the creation of numerous local chapters in multiple regions throughout Kentucky. In addition, I have worked to plan our first statewide convention and a series of empowerment panels.

Appalachian Regional Young Democrats | Paintsville, KY **Founding Member, Campaign Organizer | 09/2023 - Present**

It is no secret that the once-mighty democratic stronghold in Eastern Kentucky has rapidly deteriorated in recent years. Being from Appalachia, it is important to me that democrats can not only retain what power we have left in the region, but increase our influence across the Mountains. In 2023, I was part of a small group of concerned young democrats that founded the Appalachian Region Young Democrats. Shortly after we were formally recognized by the Kentucky Young Democrats, we coordinated with Governor Beshear's reelection campaign to organize canvas days across Floyd, Pike, Magoffin, and Johnson counties. Collectively, we campaigned door-to-door for weeks and visited thousands of homes. In addition, we promoted fundraising opportunities in Eastern Kentucky for the 2023 democratic slate.

City of Hindman | Hindman, KY **Flood Recovery Organizer | 07/2022 - 12/2023**

On July 28, 2022, much of Eastern Kentucky was decimated by horrific flash-flooding. In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, I went to work for the City of Hindman as a coordinator for flood relief and recovery efforts. I organized a distribution center at Hindman City Hall, and recruited citizens that had not been affected by the floods themselves to deliver meals and medicine throughout Knott County. I also authored public service announcements and drafts for proclamations, including a curfew order. Finally, I worked with numerous agencies and charities to secure both supplies and manpower to reach, demolish, and rebuild flooded homes.

East Kentucky Leadership Conference | Hazard, KY **Youth Organizer, Panelist | 01/2023 - 05/2023**

In my role as a relief and recovery coordinator for Hindman, and being effected by the floods myself, the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation invited me to be a panelist and youth organizer for the 2023 East Kentucky Leadership Conference. Aside from sharing my own experience and the strategies I employed to help deliver adequate assistance to my town, I worked with GEAR UP to bring other students into the Foundation. Over numerous weeks, we formulated solutions to many of the problems created by the floods. These included greater support for the emergency services of several Eastern Kentucky counties, including my own. We also recommended more affordable housing options for flood survivors and stronger efforts to clean debris from creekbanks.

Knott County Democratic Executive Committee | Hindman, KY **Youth Representative | 05/2022 - 11/2022**

During the 2022 election cycle, I worked on several campaigns for local democratic candidates. In recognition of my work during the primary, I was invited to become a youth representative on the Knott County Democratic Executive Committee. While I did not hold formal voting power, I did help plan community outreach opportunities for candidates, including meet-and-greets, neighborhood dinners, and Halloween activities. I also recruited students at my high school to knock on doors, and organized a voter registration campaign throughout the school day. Finally, I engaged in social media management for candidates, overseeing numerous accounts and authoring daily posts.

Education

Knott County Central High School | Hindman, KY **Law and Government Pathway | 05/2024**

Throughout my time at Knott County Central High School, I have enrolled in several dual credit courses in political science and public policy. I have also welcomed any opportunity to take an Advanced Placement course, completing every AP class that my high school offers. Additionally, I have completed the course of certification for the law and government pathway, and been elected President of our National Beta Club and National Honors Society chapters. Because of this determination and commitment, I am currently ranked as the top student in my class and was recently recognized as the 2024 Knott County Student of the Year.

Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program | Morehead, KY
Political and Legal Issues | 07/2023

In 2023, I was accepted into the prestigious Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. During my five weeks at Morehead State University, I was a student of the Political and Legal Issues focus area, where we studied the arts of communication, rhetoric, and organization in modern-day American politics. We organized food drives for the Rowan County community and authored plans to support small businesses in Morehead. We also traveled to towns across Kentucky to better observe and understand the strategies that they employed in moving their communities forward.

Awards

University of Kentucky Presidential Scholar, Kentucky High School Speech League Bale Scholar, NSDA-Number-One Ranked Impromptu Speaker in United States, KHSSL-Seven State Championships in Individual Events, Class of 2024 President (4 Years), 2024 Knott County Student of the Year