

Gage Holder

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Education

Taylor University – Upland, Indiana

2019 - 2025

- M.A. - Higher Education
 - B.A. - Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), History Minor
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Work Experience

Football Graduate Assistant

Aug 2023 - Present

Taylor University

- Director of Football Operations:
 - Coordinated all logistics for travel, including hotels, bussing, food, and more
 - Planned and executed all details surrounding the team's mission trip to the Dominican Republic, including oversight of over \$100,000 in fundraising
 - Led all efforts related to social media management, content creation, and implementation
 - Directed career and academic initiatives for Taylor University Football
 - Managed alumni relations for Taylor Football's 75+ years worth of graduates
 - Facilitated campus relations for the program
- Running Back Coach:
 - Directly oversaw the running back room, leading position meetings and facilitating practice
 - Offense finished #1 in the country in rushing touchdowns, #2 in rushing yards per game
 - Coached Jameson Chesser to his first 1,000 yard rushing season, Academic All-American of the Year honors
 - Conducted gameplan reports on the defensive backfield of upcoming opponents
 - Assisted the Special Teams Coordinator with all units
- Recruiting:
 - Led recruiting efforts in Illinois, Wisconsin, and specific counties within Indiana

Presidential Fellow

July 2022 - May 2023

Taylor University

- Worked with Vice President for Student Development and Intercollegiate Athletics
- Coordinated and directed student-led conversation with key University leadership and supporters, facilitated career development opportunities within athletics, and assisted with initiatives stemming from the University strategic plan
- Co-authored the writing of Lilly Endowment Compelling Preaching Grant application
- Planned and executed the search for the new university Campus Pastor
- Managed social media accounts for both the Vice President and Taylor University's Masters of Arts in Higher Education Program (MAHE)
- Developed and led student advisory group, book study, and multiple luncheons
- Served in an ambassadorial role meeting with important external constituents

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Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Fellow

May 2023 - Aug 2023

Indiana Economic Development Corporation

- Engaged in stakeholder relations and maintenance for the ConnectIND Entrepreneur Portal
- Conducted research and presented to the Secretary of Commerce regarding career connected learning opportunities in Indiana
- Researched resources available to entrepreneurs in Indiana for the ConnectIND Portal
- Audited entrepreneurial resources available to K-12 students in Indiana and created graphics to illustrate gaps in the ecosystem

Intern for Congresswoman Jackie Walorski

May 2022 - July 2022

U.S. House of Representatives

- Assisted the Legislative Director with research pertaining to ongoing drafts of bills
- Engaged in briefing and conversations regarding ongoing policy matters

Project Management Intern

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Howard County Government

- Worked with elected officials and department leaders to assist in improving county functionality
- Assisted the County Project Manager in facilitating the funding, planning, and execution of an important infrastructure initiative
- Advised a government social media manager on the legality and professionalism of a public social media campaign

Leadership, Activities, and Awards

- Taylor University Football: Defensive Back, Servant Leadership Council Member (Aug 2019 - Nov 2023)
- NAIA Scholar Athlete (2021 - 2023)
- Taylor University Dean's List 2020 - 2023
- Leader of Taylor Football Academic Programming and Tutoring (Oct 2020 - May 2023)
- American Enterprise Institute Executive Council (April 2021 - May 2023)
- American Enterprise Institute Summer Honors Program: Christianity, National Identity, & America's Role in the World (June 2022)
- Student Senate Chair of Academics and Athletics Subcommittee (Oct 2020 - July 2022)
- AEC Representative for the University Enrollment and Athletics Committee (May 2021 - May 2023)
- Gospel Choir Bass Section Leader (Sept 2019 - May 2023)