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| Name | Devon Kurtz |
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| Citizenship Affirmation | I am a U.S. Citizen |
| Residency Affirmation | I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts |
| Statement of Intent | I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act. |
| Statement of Interest | <p>I don't imagine myself as the typical applicant, as I am young, conservative, and wasn't always in favor of campaign finance reform. So, to make my case I will share how I decided to apply.</p> <p>When I was 14, I wanted to get involved in politics despite being from a background that has often been excluded: young, queer, a first-generation college student, and from a relatively rural area. I interned for then-Rep. Humason and saw politics at its best: a life-long resident dedicated to a community that had faith in him. Money was an afterthought for the man whose fund raisers were in a shabby country club, so I did not yet see how it could corrupt politics.</p> <p>My view changed while at Dartmouth. Without legacy or wealth, I was an unlikely candidate to be editor of the most prominent college newspaper in the country: The Dartmouth Review. I soon learned my role was more than editing, as I represented the Review at a conference with many of America's richest conservative donors. One said: "We must think about how we, as elites, can maximize our influence." So flagrant, so cavalier. I was horrified. They wanted to change every American community from this resort nestled in some mountains. And they probably could do it. Worse, I was a part of it.</p> <p>I am applying so that I can disrupt the elitist system that I was almost incorporated into. To me, this is not about some far-off boardroom-this is about elites who I had cocktails with and who shouldn't have a say in my hometown or yours.</p> |
| Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload | https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/484511140/71887710_devon_kurtz_resume_mcc.doc |
| Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years | Unenrolled |

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| If multiple or other, please explain | Republican: I was a registered Republican, but I have since left the party. I changed to be unenrolled in December of 2017. |
| City or Town where you reside | WESTFIELD |
| Employment Status | Unemployed |

DEVON KURTZ

EDUCATION

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| Dartmouth College , Hanover, NH | June 2020 |
| <i>Bachelor of Arts, Major in: Classics, Minor in: English Literature</i> | GPA: 3.92/4.0 |
| Relevant Coursework: Democracy: Ancient to Modern, Greek Philosophy, Privacy & the Supreme Court | |
| King's College London , London, United Kingdom | (Fall Semester 2018) |
| Courses: 19 th Century American Literature, 16 th Century Literature, Post-Colonial Literature | GPA: 4.0/4.0 |
| University of Arizona , Tucson, Arizona | (Summer Course 2017) |
| Course: Intensive Latin | GPA: 4.0/4.0 |
| Westfield High School , Westfield, Massachusetts | June 2016 |
| Honors/awards: Valedictorian, National Honors Society, Delta Epsilon Phi (German), AP Scholar w/ Distinction | GPA: 102.1 |

PUBLISHED WORK

- Contributed to *The Wall Street Journal*: "Dissecting the College Scandal"
- Contributed to *The Daily Caller*: "The Stakes of Debauchery: Why I had to go back into the closet"
- Contributed to *Young Voices* (2017) by James Wellemeyer, a textbook on U.S. government and political activism
- Featured in: *Politico*: "Rising Stars: 18 Members of America's Next Political Generation" (2015)

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Dartmouth College Presidential Scholarship , Hanover, New Hampshire | June 2018–Present |
| <i>Research Assistant</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the Summer of 2018, I worked at Dartmouth College for the team that is writing the Oxford History of the Archaic Greek World, which, upon completion, will be the most comprehensive history of Archaic Greece ever written.I translated, revised, and wrote historical narratives written by forty world renowned Classics scholars from seven countries.I continued this research at Cambridge University with Dartmouth Professor Paul Christesen during the Fall of 2018. | |
| American University of Kuwait , Kuwait, Kuwait City | March 2018–June 2018 |
| <i>Intern for the Office of Public Relations and Admissions</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I reviewed and censored student and faculty submissions to various university publications to ensure that they abided by Kuwait's laws, customs, and Islamic values.I suggested, advocated for, and helped inaugurate a trial period for a new policy of expanded freedom of expression in university publications, successfully changing previous policies that allowed the Office of PR to censor submitted content.I covered events, wrote press releases, and revised articles for publication on the university's website.I updated admissions materials, coordinated events with high schools, and helped with outreach.I introduced a training program for future interns, which included quizzes on the AP Style Guide and sample articles for practice editing. I led that training program once it was instituted and trained two interns. | |
| Massachusetts Governor's Youth Council , Boston, Massachusetts | November 2014–January 2017 |
| <i>Appointed Councilor</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I advised Governor Charlie Baker on youth related issues, presenting reports before Governor Baker and his cabinet on the following topics: education, sexual assault, domestic violence, and opioid addiction — I focused on the opioid crisis. | |
| Youth Conservatives of Massachusetts PAC , Longmeadow, Massachusetts | September 2013–January 2015 |
| <i>Vice-Chairman</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I recruited high school student activists from every county who wanted to be more involved with Massachusetts politics.I organized fund raisers and speaker panels to create dialogue between candidates and student activists.Because of my work with YCMPAC and the Governor's Youth Council, I was recognized in <i>Politico</i> and <i>Young Voices</i>. | |

OTHER EXPERIENCE

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| The Dartmouth Review , Hanover, New Hampshire | June 2018–Present |
| <i>Editor-in-Chief</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">I have published six issues, covering campus news and student editorials.Much of my focus has been on student voting rights and threats to direct democracy in Hanover town meetings.Under my tenure, the Review was awarded "Best Layout and Design" by Collegiate Network.The foci of my editorials have been primarily associated with professors. I have argued that professorships are essential to the strength and growth of the conservative movement, and that students ought to read unassigned books written by their professors in order to be better constituents of university communities.As a reporter, I reviewed books by Dartmouth professors and campus performances, and covered protests and controversies. | |
| First-Year Student Enrichment Program , Hanover, New Hampshire | September 2016–Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">FYSEP is an on-campus mentorship program for first generation college students. I have participated as a mentee. | |