

DAVID RONNEL

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EDUCATION

Little Rock Central High School	Overall GPA: 4.1667 Overall Unweighted GPA: 3.963 Top 7% of 674-person class ACT Score: 33	August 2018 - May 2022
EuroAce Spanish Fluency Program Valencia, Spain	Gap year to achieve B1 DELE proficiency in Spanish	September 2022 - May 2023
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	Overall GPA: 4.0 Carolina Innovation Scholar • Full ride merit scholarship recipient Honors Carolina Program Peace, War, & Defense Major; Entrepreneurship Minor	August 2023 - Present

SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPERIENCE

Holocaust Education Living Proposal (H.E.L.P.) Committee - Executive *Committee Member* June 2019 - Present

- Key leadership role in statewide grassroots committee formed to promote and pass legislation to make Holocaust education mandatory in Arkansas public schools
- Effort resulted in legislation making Arkansas the 16th U.S. state to mandate coordinated Holocaust education instruction statewide and the 2nd U.S. state to establish a Holocaust Education Week
- Collaborated with legislators during Arkansas's 93rd & 94th General Assembly
- Co-Chairman, Legislation Drafting Subcommittee
 - Researched several state laws that mandated Holocaust education and used this knowledge to create model legislation that was introduced as Senate Bill 160 (SB 160) and Senate Bill 68 (SB 68)
 - Debated, defended, and negotiated bill structure, wording, and requirements with state officials, legislative leaders, and committee members
- Co-Chairman of Legislative Endorsement Subcommittee
 - Over 20 influential and diverse endorsements achieved
 - 21 of 35 Arkansas Senators and 32 of 100 Arkansas Representatives signed on as co-sponsors of SB 160
 - Met with and lobbied Arkansas State Representatives and State Senators to secure bipartisan co-sponsorships.
 - Met with and lobbied religious leaders, education experts, nonprofit organizations, business leaders and other stakeholders to solicit their endorsements
 - Developed and executed strategies for soliciting legislative support
 - SB 160 and SB 68 passed the Arkansas General Assembly with unanimous support in both chambers
- Designated Media and Legislative Spokesman
 - Testified at Arkansas Senate Education Committee in support of SB 160 on behalf of HELP Committee
 - Testified at Arkansas House Education Committee in support of SB160 on behalf of HELP Committee
 - Developed and used lobbying, communication, writing, negotiating, and public speaking skills
 - Met with Governor Asa Hutchinson and several reporters to discuss the significance of the signing of SB 160 into state law, making Arkansas the first state in the region to mandate Holocaust education in all public schools.
 - <https://twitter.com/AsaHutchinson/status/1380283261964972034?s=20>

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette – Author, *Published Opinion Piece “To Counter Hate”*.

February 4, 2021

- <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2021/feb/04/to-counter-hate/>
- Opinion piece was published in Arkansas statewide newspaper and circulated to over 600,000 readers

Arkansas Holocaust Education Award Donation (AHEAD) Fund – Founder and Chairman

May 2021 - Present

- Created a nonprofit fund that promotes and rewards excellence in the teaching of the Holocaust as mandated in SB 160
- \$75,000+ currently raised by utilizing social media and collaborating with Walmart Museum and Walton Family Foundation
- Established Advisory Committee comprised of Holocaust education experts and activists in Arkansas to develop award criteria

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism L'Taken- Conference Participant

January 2020

- Traveled to Washington, D.C. to learn about social justice and policy ideas
- Lobbied climate change issues to Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton and Representative French Hill
- Strengthened advocacy, communication, writing, and public speaking skills

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Josh Stein for NC - Digital Communications Intern

June — August 2023

- Developed and executed strategic digital communication plans to amplify the campaign message across various social media platforms
- Collaborated with the communications team to create engaging content, including graphics, videos, and written materials, to increase voter engagement and awareness
- Assisted in monitoring online trends and analytics, providing valuable insights to optimize digital outreach efforts

Jarit Asociación Civil - Immigration Coordination Intern

February — May 2023

- Used Adobe Photoshop skills to create advertisements for immigration relief fundraisers and language classes
- Coordinated, scheduled, and organized immigrant access to psychological, legal, and educational services
- Used Spanish knowledge to communicate as the only native English speaker in Jarit's offices

Alman Recycling Company - Crew Member

May — August 2022

- Oversaw the processing and shipment of over 40,000 pounds of material
- Gained collaboration and organizational skills while working with other crew members and providing services to customers

Little Rock Central High School Yearbook Staff

August 2018 – May 2022

- Advertisement Editor/Business Manager (2021 – 2022 school year)
 - Led a 23-person sales staff
 - Sold over 200 advertisements to be printed in the yearbook
 - Generated over \$55,000 of revenue
- Photoshop Editor (2020 – 2021 school year)
 - In charge of editing over 2,500 photos in a 350+ page award-winning yearbook

Camp Wekeela Staff – Camp Counselor

July – August 2021

- Gained leadership and organizational skills while actively being responsible for 29 campers ages 6 through 10

Young Democrats - Active Member

August 2018 – Present

ADDITIONAL LINKS

- Senate Education Committee hearing
 - <https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00284/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20210322/-1/21399?viewMode=1%23people>
- Copy of Senate Bill 160
 - <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=Sb160&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R&Search=>
- Copy of Senate Bill 68
 - <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=SB68&chamber=Senate&ddBienniumSession=2023%2F2023R>