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INSIDER NJ 2019 MILLENNIALS

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, PLEASE FIND A LISTING OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL **MILLENNIALS IN NEW JERSEY POLITICS.**



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This is the under-35 club eager to make a mark on a largely stagnant ecosystem domineered by people who have already been around for decades.

This list is less a power list proper, with names arranged from one to 100 according to a strict observance of power, bureaucratic or otherwise. Rather, it is a conveyance of gathering strength; a harbinger of worlds to come. Some of the names here have also been around for years, but mostly they signify a collection of energy whose best days are ahead.

Unlike the InsiderNJ Power List – which will appear in November – the Millennial List does not eliminate from consideration those individuals who serve in elected office. It represents a combination, in fact, of elected officials and non-elected officials.

Whatever their current status, it is possible – even among those currently operating at a very high level - that they have not yet fully arrived on the scene in their most potent political manifestation.

Let's see what happens in the coming years...

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1. PRISCILLA GARCES



Blind since birth, the Ironbound activist uses her disability to motivate, not deter her, as she seeks greater engagement in the civic world. Although she did not win a Newark School Board seat this year in a field dominated by the establishment, Garces continues to demonstrate a quality not often seen in New Jersey politics: courage.

A native of Ecuador who came to Newark after suffering medical complications as a consequence of being born premature, Garces went through the Newark Schools System and graduated with honors from Seton Hall University with a bachelor's degree in diplomacy and international relations. Employed by the NJ Immigrants Alliance, she holds a Master's Degree in nonprofit leadership from Fordham University and a translator certification from New York University.

Just returned from a climate change leadership training session in Minneapolis, she told InsiderNJ that she wants to help to get people - particularly young people - to regain their faith in the system.

"One of the most important messages I would like to send to our youth is a message of hope to continue moving forward despite any daunting challenges, and we can achieve making a difference by getting involved by participating in the political landscape, running for office at the local and national level," Garces said.

She is quick to point out that she could not do it alone.

"Another important element that creates a measurable impact is having a strong and solid support network of family, friends, and others who genuinely have faith in our abilities and enable us to achieve our goals with hard work and merit," she said. "I feel fortunate to have my family and friends with me by being present during the interviews and out in the field at the forefront of the campaign leading up to elections. Despite the outcomes, I remained active creating an avenue of opportunities by forming my organization with the goal of bringing the same level of support I had growing up."

As she seeks greater public awareness of key issues, including political-governmental response to climate change, the once and future candidate plans to be as engaged as ever with the establishment of her organization, "Always Forward, Priscilla Garces".

Her main advice to young people thinking of getting involved in politics?

"Don't let the detractors dominate," Garces said. "Don't let negativity get in your way. Now is the time that we have to focus on preparing ourselves better."

2. VIN GOPAL

Victorious in 2017 after 20 years of relationship and grassroots political building, the dynamic and charismatic state senator from LD11 is on almost everyone's short list for either congress or governor. Also notable is his cultivation of young talent, evident in the presence of team members like Chief of Staff Joe Libutti, former ED of Monmouth Dems and former Chief of Staff to Assemblymembers Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downey; Tom Little, Chief of Staff to Houghtaling and Downey, a member of the Long Branch Zoning Board Member



and highly regarded as a policy warhorse; Kinn Badger, sitting ED of the Monmouth Dems and close advisor to Gopal who previously worked on his senate campaign; Toni Gingerelli, Deputy Chief to Gopal, Emerge Alumni, and very active in getting millennials involved; and Aislinn Brennan, policy director for Gopal, Houghtaling & Downey.

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3. KATE DELANY

The Chair of the Collingswood Democratic Committee, she led the insurgent Collingswood Progressive Committee group of 16 candidates who unseated the incumbents in the June primary, winning control of the local party in the South Jersey town and dealing a local defeat against the party machine. It was arguably the biggest victory for progressives on a night during which most of the machine-backed candidates won across the state.



4. ZACHARY **DOUGHERTY**

A political activist who graduated high school in June and now is attending Monmouth University, he's already proven his influence, with Governor Murphy's signing of gun control legislation for which he advocated. In the words of a neighbor, via the Asbury Park Press, Dougherty "comes to mind as the living example of what JFK meant when he so eloquently stated his inaugural address: 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."



5. MICKEY QUIIN

The Deputy Executive Director at the NJ General Assembly possesses one of the deepest real-world political knowledge reservoirs among New Jersey millennials. He's a key go-between on the Assembly side to demystify the space between speaker and senate president.





6. TONY PERRY

The former state Senator Joe Kyrillos chief of staff is a rising star in Monmouth GOP politics, and recently was catapulted into the mayoralty of Middletown, the home of Bon Jovi (until recently) and Governor Murphy. He's a potential future candidate for higher office.



7. PHIL SWIBINSKI

Already a political veteran taking the helm of the family consulting business, Vision Media, Swibinski is becoming one of the top operatives in the entire state, and leads the millennial pack in campaign public relations savvy. Playing a key roles in the Democratic politics of Hudson County – his home turf – he has connections up and down the state and is a key political adviser to NJ Democratic Chairman Currie.



8. RAJ MUKHERJI

First elected in 2013 at age 31, the veteran well-respected legislator has maintained relationships both in the Statehouse and within Jersey City and has a millennial vantage point on policy – example, his effort to allow voter selfies at the polls. A potential future candidate for higher office.









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9. AMY DEGISE

Elected at 33 as Chair of one of the most critical party organizations in the state - Hudson - DeGise's star has continued to rise both in her home county and around the state, particularly as Democrats head into the 2020 Trump-on-Democrat presidential cycle. In Hudson County's historically male-dominated world, she has a strong female executive leadership team, including young operatives Raine Cuseglio and Julianna Vogt.



10. AL ABDELAZIZ

Firmly cemented in Chairman John Currie's inner circle, Abdelaziz is a rising star among the state's Arab political community and a key ally of Paterson Mayor Sayegh. Currently the 6th Ward Councilman, Abdelaziz is running again next year for the seat – his third run in four years, having run against Sayegh for the seat in 2016, and winning a special election in 2018.



11. CHRISTINA ZUK

Having honed her expertise and savvy in the Statehouse with Senator Barbara Buono, on the campaign trail during the 2013 gubernatorial election, and with labor union JNESO, and now a key member of the Princeton Public Affairs team, Zuk's star continues to rise as a lobbying force.





12. KENNITH **GONZALEZ**

Close to Hudson County GOP Chairman Arango, the 18-year old is running for Hudson County Executive, vying against incumbent Tom DeGise. It's a long shot in heavily Democratic Hudson County, but millennial Gonzalez is taking his shot in a county mostly ruled by the over-50 crowd.



13. MARSHALL **SPEVAK**

The veteran operative is already a brand-name at the Statehouse and among young politicos, having helmed the Young Democrats for several years. Having worked as Deputy Director for the CRDA for the past year, he's heading to MWW as a Vice President in their Trenton office instead of heading back to the public sector.



14. BRANDON **MCKOY**

One of the state's top policy minds, including on millennial issues, he went from being an analyst with the well-respected NJ Policy Perspective to helming the think tank as its new President, and has stood side-by-side with Governor Murphy as a surrogate and validator for Murphy's policy initiatives.



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15. CRISTINA **PINZON**

Head of her own growing consulting group, Stateside Affairs, she's made inroads among the state's political infrastructure and is a key mover among the Latina power base in New Jersey. She's begun to receive recognition for her efforts and talents, as well as for Stateside's efforts around the state.



16. MIKE DEFUSCO

Having dethroned a veteran incumbent four years ago, and running a spirited campaign for mayor in 2017, the millennial councilman is up for re-election this year in a much-watched contest.



17. ALYSSA KAYE **DAWSON**

The former aide to LG Guadagno became the youngest council person in the state last year, albeit briefly, and now serves as Assemblywomen Schepisi's Chief of Staff – and she's running as one of two Bergen GOP millennial candidates for freeholder this year, along with Katie Cericola.





18. KATIE CERICOLA

Having started her own conservative-leaning podcast, 'Millennial Minute With Katie Cericola', she's now one of two millennial freeholder candidates for the Bergen County Republican Organization this year, along with Alyssa Kaye Dawson, and represents the new generation of the GOP voters in the state's most populous county.



19. ROBERT FIELD

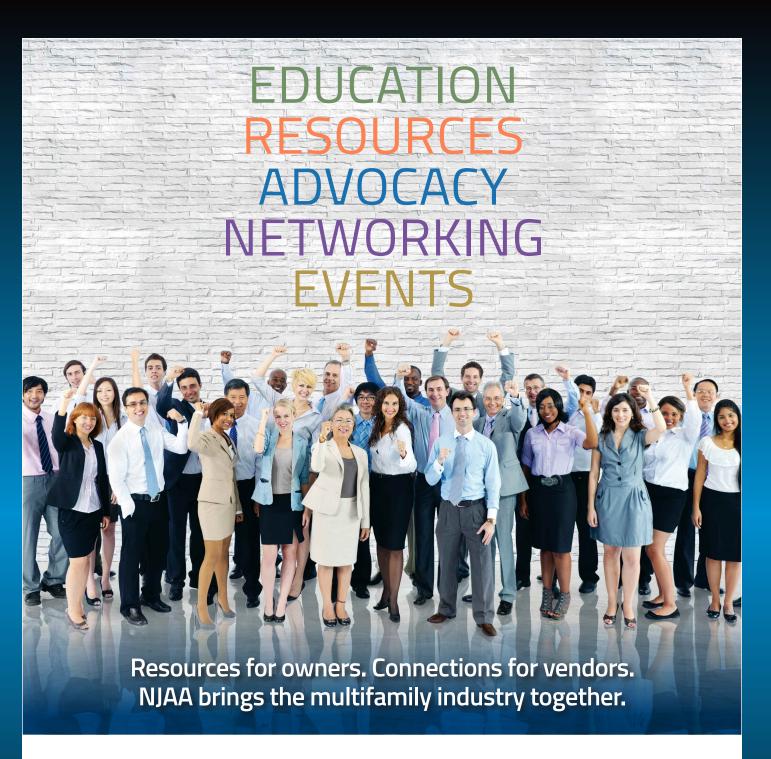
Having gotten his start involved in various campaigns, and as a speechwriter to Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop, the aide to Governor Murphy is everywhere these days, and was on-board the Buttigieg train early on, having been part of the presidential candidate's early battle for DNC chair. The affable Field was recently promoted to Senior Aide in the Governor's Office.



20. KATIE ROTONDI

Taking the helm of Democratic Party in deep red Sussex County this summer, the new chairwoman – in her early thirties – is looking to make a targeted effort on-the-ground to build the organization.





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21. LAMONICA **MCIVER**

The Newark Councilwoman-At-Large, still under 35, sits on the governing body of the largest city in the state, and exudes future elected office gravitas.



22. MATT **ANDERSON**

The founder and organizer of recently-launched Millennials For NJ, a group's whose purpose is to recruit and elect millennial candidates, along with board of directors Rebecca Schwartz, Matt Clarkin, Kaylee McGuire, and Juan Carlos Nordelo – all of whom are millennial stand-outs themselves.



23. CHRISTIAN **FUSCARINO**

Fuscarino's star continues to rise as he helms the state's largest LGBTQ organization, Garden State Equality, and is adept at on-theground organizing. He's worked to focus the organization's postmarriage equality efforts on issues such as HIV decriminalization, transgender rights, ending homelessness among LGBT youth, and LGBTQ curriculum, which was recently signed into law by Governor Murphy.





24. BILL MOEN

The Camden County Freeholder, already the youngest in the county, will ascend to the Assembly next year to succeed retiring Assemblywoman Egan Jones. If he wins, he'll be the youngest member of the Legislature and and well-positioned to advocate for issues that directly impact millennials in the state.



25. INTASHAN **CHOWDHURY**

A longtime ally and aide to Prospect Park Mayor Khairullah, the Bengali rising star made history upon his appointment as Prospect Park's Business Administrator, the youngest in the state currently and the youngest in state history.



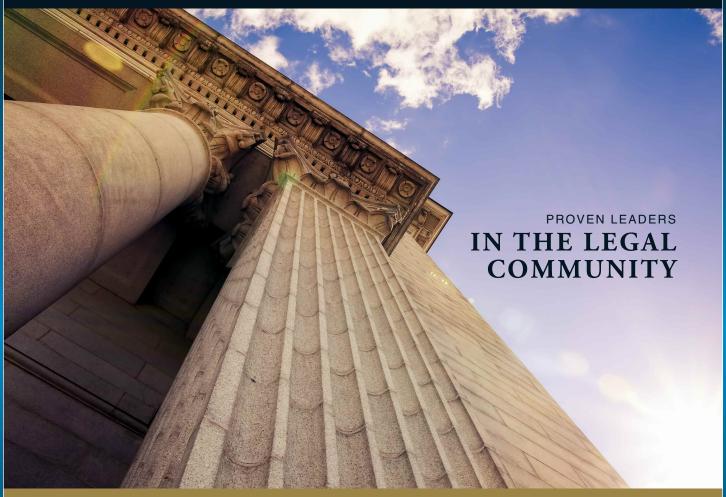
26. SARAH SOOY

The young candidate was elected last year as a Somerset County Freeholder, along with Shanel Robinson, becoming one of the first Democrats to win the traditionally GOP county in decades.



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27. JOHN FRANCIS **ROMAN**

Having won off the line in 2017 for a Linden council seat, he's become a key local ally of Senator and Union Democratic Chairman Scutari and has shown a willingness to jump into the political maelstrom of Linden's local politics.



28. SADAF JAFER

Elected in her early thirties to the Montgomery Township Committee, she made triple-history last November as the nation's first South Asian female, first female Muslim, and first female Pakistani-American to serve as a mayor.



29. JESSE O. KURTZ

Following the defeat of Republican Mayor Don Guardian in 2017, Kurtz is the city's lone Republican representative on Atlantic City's governing body. He's up for re-election this year in the politically cut-throat gaming town, where the median age of residents is 35.



30. MEAGAN WARNER

A veteran and respected operative, she worked on Reed Gusciora's winning Trenton mayoral campaign, works as an aide for Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson, and was recently elected President of the College Democrats.



31. JUSTIN BRAZ

The respected Murphy Administration staffer started the Jersey chapter of the New Leaders Council, which has become a key starting point and networking organization for young politicos and policy minds.



32. STEPHANIE LAGOS

The Chief of Staff to popular First Lady Tammy Murphy, Lagos brings policy expertise to the office - and it shows in the First Lady's initiatives, including the Nurture NJ campaign for maternal and infant health.



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33. CHARLIE **KRATOVIL**

The New Brunswick-based newsman and advocate is about as independent as it gets, and shows no fear in going after government corruption when he sees it. Made an independent bid for Mayor last year.



34. FATIMA **HEYWARD**

The newly-elected President of the NJ Young Democrats follows in the footsteps of long-time predecessor Marshall Spevak, and takes the helm of the organization heading into the 'Murphy midterms' and the 2020 Democratic presidential primary.



35. COLSTON REID

After managing CD7 Rep. Malinowski's winning campaign last year, she now serves as a the battleground Democrat's Chief of Staff, helping to navigate the federal field and the local landscape as the freshman gears up for 2020 re-election.



36. JERRELL BLAKELY

Having won an at-large council seat in municipal elections last year, the Trenton Councilman has sky-is-the-limit written all over him. Energy? He's the Andre Sayegh of Trenton, and unlike the Paterson Mayor, who toiled only in ward-demarcated politics before running three times citywide, Blakeley's already operating with the entire city map under his feet.



37. MISSY REBOVICH

The Gov't Affairs Director for NJ Future and the daughter of the late Dr. David Rebovich, she has NJ politics in her DNA. Her legacy goes back to college when she rose before dawn to assemble PolitickerNJ's Wake-Up Call.



38. SAMANTHA **DeALMEIDA**

The former Assembly staffer and Government Affairs Director for the American Cancer Society, she made a strong case that the NJGOP needs to reach out to the younger generation in order to win when she made a play for the LD10 Assembly seat.







39. ALEXANDER **MOSKOVITZ**

The chair of the NJ High School Democrats also serves as the state outreach director for the High School Democrats of America.



40. REGINALD **BLEDSOE**

The youngest member of the Newark BOE also works for the NJDOE, and is an active voice on education issues.



41. ASHLEY **BENNETT**

After winning a seat in 2017, she's the youngest person on the Freeholder Board, which has an all-female leadership team, chaired by Freeholder Amy Gatto (who herself got an early start in elected office).



42. TOMMY RUSSO

Sworn into office in January of this year, the rising star Republican councilman from Howell – who's been practicing law for three years – was up to his eyeballs in local storm recovery this summer.



43. LOUIS DIPAOLO

Working alongside Brandon McKoy, DiPaolo handles communications for NJ Policy Perspective and honed his skills working for Senator Bob Gordon. He's the youngest Councilman in Dumont, seeking his second term in office.



44. NATASHA **ROGERS**

The urban planning expert (a Newark native) with degrees from NYU and Rutgers (MBA, engineering, and Law) serves as the chief operating officer for the City of Newark. Described locally as a legitimate heavyweight.



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45. STORM WYCHE

Having worked for Bergen County Executive Tedesco, she's now running Senator Booker's presidential campaign's home-state operations.



46. SERGIO **GRANADOS**

The young Union Freeholder has strong political ties to UCDC Chair Scutari, Elizabeth Mayor Bollwage, among others, and is godfather to the twins of Elizabeth Democratic Committee Chairman Tony Teixeira.



47. SARAH R. **NEIBERT**

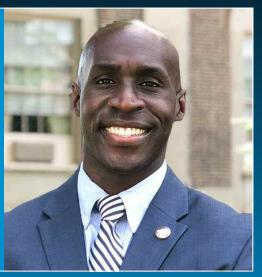
The GOP Committeewoman from Mendham is its youngest member, and is an active presence in statewide GOP circles. A potential candidate for higher office.





48. ELTON ARMADY

The Plainfield Councilman was appointed at age 32 and subsequently won a full term, and sees his age as an asset in providing a younger perspective on local issues.



49. JULIA FAHL

The millennial mayor excited younger voters and was propelled to victory in Lambertville last year, providing a roadmap from which Hunterdon Democrats can build.



50. JAMES **SOLOMON**

An adjunct professor at three universities in Jersey City, the Ward E Councilman – the youngest on the dais – has focused on affordable housing and rent stabilization in the city.





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51. FELICIA REYES-**MORTON**

Having started out on Camden City School Board, she became the youngest member of Camden's city council last year when she was appointed to fill the Ward 4 seat of Luiz Lopez. She's running for a full three-year term in November.



52. S. NADIA HUSSAIN

The ACLU-NJ board member and Paterson native is a co-founder of the Bangladeshi American Women's Development Initiative, which aims to empower Bangladeshi girls.



53. MICHAEL DELAMATER

The Director of the IGA in Governor Murphy's Office, Delamater is a respected operative, having honed his skills in the Assembly and on the campaign trail.





The first female to serve as South Orange village president and the second youngest – Collum won re-election by a 75%-25% margin. Fiercely independent, she's unbossed and built her base without machine-backing.



55. BRITNEE **TIMBERLAKE**

Essex County's youngest state legislator – and one of the youngest in the state - she assumed the Assembly seat vacated by fellow East Orange resident Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. A potential future candidate for higher office.



56. JONATHAN **CASTENEDA**

The WNY Democratic Chair made all the right moves over the past two years, leaving WNY Mayor Roque, winning big for Team DeGise during the HCDO chair fight, and backing eventual mayoral victor Gabe Rodriguez this past May. He's now the township administrator.



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57. MICHAEL **SULEIMAN**

The millennial Chairman of the Atlantic County Democrats has a critical year this year, as he looks to protect the LD1 and LD2 Assembly seats.



58. ERIN DELANEY

She won a Garfield council seat in 2016 at age 26, and also works as the borough clerk in neighboring Elmwood Park, which gives her one of the most unique vantage points – the politics of elected office plus the day-to-day realities of governing.



59. ALYANA ALFARO-**POST**

The former PolitckerNJ/Observer reporter headed into the Murphy Administration as a press assistant and advanced to Press Secretary, taking the helm of the press operation from veteran operative Dan Bryan.





60. AMIT JANI

The Hudson-based operative, who serves on the Hudson School of Technology Board and recently served in Governor Murphy's Office, is a veteran of several campaigns and was just appointed the Asian American Pacific Islander Director for Joe Biden's national campaign. He's also the founder of the NJ Leadership Program, which aims to connect South Asian youth with government.



61. KAYVON PAUL

A graduate of Monmouth University – who worked as a research assistant at the venerated Monmouth University Polling Institute - the rising star got his start with Garden State Equality as a community outreach coordinator, and now works with MBI, Inc. as an associate.



62. ASHLEY DAVIS

The Plainfield Councilwoman for Ward 1, who was elected last November after a contested June primary, has made it a goal to connect and engage millennials and younger residents with their government.





63. JASON CILENTO

The GOP Dunellen Councilman was elected when he was 21, now running for mayor, has worked to connect the older and younger generations in the town.



64. MARIA del CID-KOSSO

Having worked for the late Assemblyman Green, and now Director of Legislative Services at the NJDOH, she established her own scholarship program at Union County College.



65. BRIAN **FITZHERBERT**

The Young Republicans of Atlantic County Chair is taking another shot at the CD2 GOP nomination this year, and has begun locking down local endorsements, including former CD2 rival Sam Fiocchi.





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66. ZACH MYSHKOFF

The rising GOP operative teamed up with Rich Castaldo this year to form Olympus Strategies, with a focus on modernizing NJGOP campaigns through digital and social media approaches.



67. MATTHEW CASTANEDA

The former Young American for Liberty NJ State Chairman, and now North East Regional Deputy Director of YAL, he played an instrumental role in helping the organization branch out from the college crowd and into county chapters.



68. HIRSH SINGH

The South Jersey-based Singh ran for the GOP nomination for Governor at age 32, and now is pursuing the nod to run against Senator Booker. Should he win the nomination, he'll presumably be among the youngest major party nominees for Senate next year, and would be well-positioned to advocate for millennial priorities during the campaign.





69. JOHANNA CALLE

A member of the Hackensack Board of Education, she's a moving force behind the NJ Alliance For Immigrant Justice.



70. DANIEL AND JAKUB GOLABEK

Brothers in political arms, Jakub serves on the Elmwood Park BOE, while Daniel served as Council President before serving as Acting Mayor in the aftermath of Mayor Caramagna's resignation.



71. NEIL **CARROLL III**

At 27, he became the youngest councilman in Bayonne's history last year, and has made it part of the public service mantra to serve the new generation which he says has been under-represented.





72. STEPHEN STEGLIK

Under the leadership of Municipal Chairman Mike Muller, the millennial Democrat, who also chairs the Burlington County Young Democrats, convincingly won a council seat in Mount Laurel last year to become its youngest elected official in town history. He was elected alongside Kareem Pritchard, who also made history as the first African-American councilman.



73. JAMES KERN

A former mayor of Pohatcong, the Republican won a Warren County freeholder seat last year, becoming the youngest member in forty years.



74. JAMES EADDY

The progressive activist from Irvington is wired into all issues, and is informed and outspoken. He's a key North Jersey advocate for the legalization of marijuana and a consistent critic of the Essex Democratic Party establishment.



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75. RON RIVERS

The progressive activist undertook a much-watched primary bid in LD17 earlier this year; among his campaign issues were net neutrality, LGBTQI rights, and green energy – key issues among the millennial and younger generations.



76. AIMEE **FOCCORACCIO**

A coordinator for North Bergen CARES, she was recently elected President of the Hudson County Young Dems and has a strong millennial following within the county.



77. CHRIS TULLY

The millennial Assemblyman from battleground LD38 is facing a challenge from fellow millennial and GOP candidate Chris DiPiazza. He's worked as the district director for CD5 Rep. Josh Gottheimer, and maintains close ties to the energetic Congressman, who represents a large swath of LD38.





Still in his early thirties, the veteran legislator looks to defend the LD1 Senate seat that he was appointed to when Rep. Van Drew won the CD2 seat. A future candidate for higher office.



79. MARK GYORFY

The former staffer to CD8 Rep. Albio Sires ran off-the-line last year in the Democratic primary for Morris Township Committee, and won. He subsequently won the November election, as Morris County takes a turn towards purple.



80. CHRISTIAN CALLEGARI

Promoted from within, Callegari now serves as Chief of Staff to veteran Assemblyman Gary Schaer, a top policy mind in his own right, is Chairman of the Passaic County Young Democrats, and is head of the NJYD Latino Caucus.





81. NICK MAMMANO

The longtime Chief of Staff to LD38 Senator Joe Lagana of Bergen County is in a key position advising the rising (and young) legislator, who's oft-mentioned for advancement.



82. KASON LITTLE

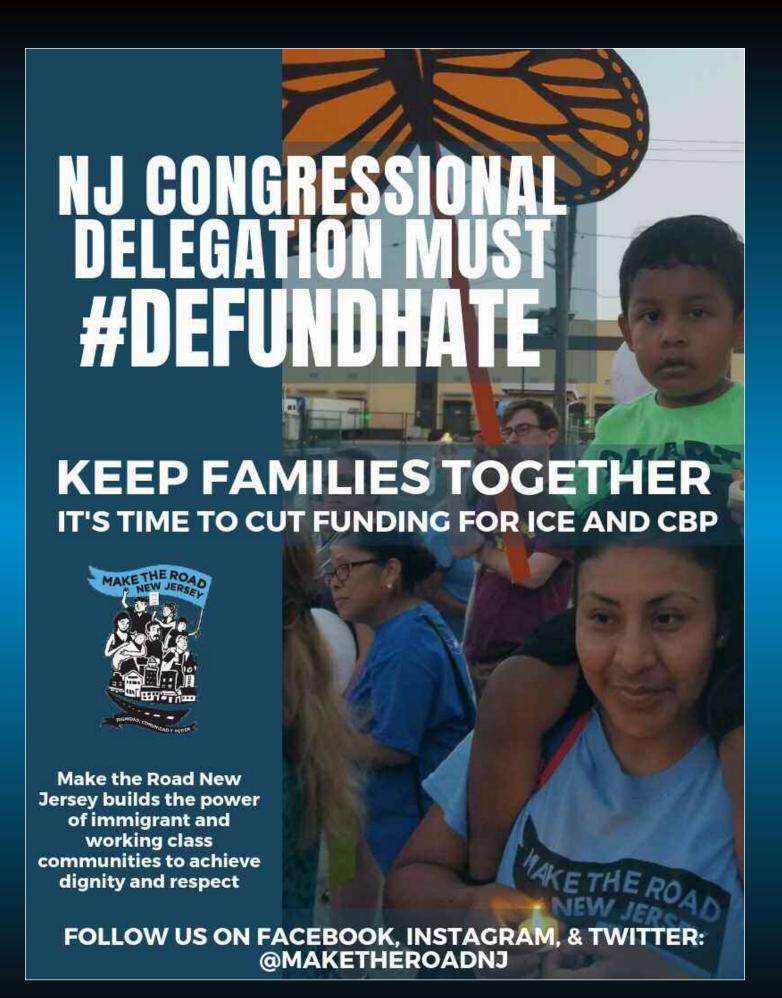
The student-activist in Elizabeth is seeking a BOE seat this November, and has continued to be a vocal presence advocating for his fellow students.



83. MATT WOOLLEY

Two years after millennial Michael Whelan made a play for the LD11 Assembly seat, Republican Woolley, 29, is youngest candidate running in the competitive district.







84. JOE FORTE

The former Chief of Staff to Andrew Zwicker works for the Civil Service Commission, and is the vice chair of the NJLGBT Democratic Caucus, chaired by Lauren Albrecht.



85. CHRIS DiPIAZZA

The Paramus Councilman, in his early thirties, is making a play for the LD38 Bergen-based Assembly seat, vying against fellow millennial Assemblyman Chris Tully. DiPiazza is the second millennial candidate the Bergen GOP has fielded to run in the district, following former Glen Rock Councilman Bill Leonard in 2017.



86. ANNA WONG

The Paramus-based progressive activist manages the NJ5 Coalition and Indivisible NJ 5th District, and was instrumental in getting the Democratic Primary candidacy of Arati Kreibich off the runway in the 2020 CD-5 Democratic Primary.





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87. CLINTON **CALABRESE**

With the assumed ascension of Bill Moen in LD5, the member of the politically powerful Calabrese family will be the second youngest legislator, and in a key position to advocate for millennial issues in the Statehouse.



88. CATHERINE TUNG

The Monmouth County-based Tung is an up-and-coming policy analyst in the Assembly Majority Office, and is the Democratic aide for the Telecommunications and Utilities Committee and Science, Innovation, and Technology Committee.



89. THOMAS **BUSHNAUSKAS**

Still in his mid-20s, Bushnauaskas is already a seasoned campaigner, having run for council in Hawthorne's 2nd ward in 2015, and this year won an off-the-line primary victory to run again, defeated the hobbled organization's candidate.





90. JOSEPH **SIGNORELLO**

A member of a local politically powerful family, the 31-year old political newcomer and financial analyst was elected the mayor last year in Roselle Park after the local Democrats hit the eject button on the incumbent.



91. JUSTIN **GOLDSMAN**

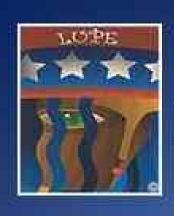
The founder of Our Revolution Essex County, he's part of the grassroots coalition that have now turned their attention towards the Statehouse.



92. CAITLIN MOTA

The newest hire by the venerable Vision Media is creating a strong reputation as a details-oriented spokeswoman and public relations guru for various campaigns.





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93. ASHTON BURRELL

The founder of a mentorship program, the Highland Park native was named the youngest Chairman of the state's Human Relations Council, which aims to reduce prejudice.



94. DEMETRIUS **TERRY**

The millennial's endorsement last year of GOP Senate candidate Bob Hugin caused mass consternation and denouncement from young Democrats, proving the old adage that if they attack, you're having an impact.



95. SHARIQ AHMAD

The head of the Edison Democratic Organization, one of the largest local parties in the state, is a multi-faceted force: local chairman, COS to Assemblyman Karabinchak, millennial, and Ivy League grad with a sharp policy mind and a sharp political mind.





96. THEO **SIGGELAKIS**

A veteran political operative out of Mercer County, with close ties to LD14 Assemblyman Benson and LD15 Assemblyman Verrelli, Siggelakis formed fundraising firm Broad Street Strategies in 2017, and has clients throughout the state.



97. CRYSTAL PRUITT

In addition to serving as Assemblyman Zwicker's Chief of Staff, she's the youngest member of the Franklin Township council. Franklin Township Council, appointed to serve out the remainder of Somerset County Freeholder Shanel Robinson's term.



98. KIMELLE ASH

Based in Willingboro, the legislative aide for state Senator Troy Singleton (D-7) has impressed early as the office's outreach coordinator and senator surrogate, and will play a significant 2021 role on the political side when Singleton runs for reelection.





The Director of Community Development in Union County, the Central VP for the NJ Young Democrats also serves as a Democratic State Committeeman.











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Amber Gesslein: Former Monmouth County

freeholder candidate

Amy Johnston: Former COS to Assemblyman

Rooney

Andrea Katz: NJDHS Chief of Staff

Andrew Fenwick: Aide to Mayor Gusciora

Andrew Musick: The NJBIA veteran is heading

to the NJ Apartment Association

Andrew Regenstreich: Rising star in the

development world

Andrew Trenk: West Orange-schooled operative Archange Antoine: Former Roselle BOE member Ashley Chiappano: Garden State Equality Safe Schools and Community Education Manager Ashley Rosone: Former NJ College Republicans

President

Bharati Ganesh: Mercer County Dem rising star **Brandon Pugh:** Former Moorestown BOE member **Brendan Neal:** Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora's

right hand come clutch time

Brian Platt: Jersey City Director of Innovation **Brianna Earle:** Aid in Governor Murphy's Office **Brittany O'Neill:** Campaign Manager for LD1

Senate candidate Mike Testa

Brittany Wheeler: GOP operative and COS to

Assemblyman DePhillips

Caitlin Giles McCormick: Flemington Council-

woman

Jason Bergman: Associate at Parano and

Associates

Carl Benedetti Jr.: Ewing Township BOE member

Chance Lykins: MBI, Inc. lobbyist

Chris Flores: Aide in Senator Menendez's office **Christopher Scales:** Aid in Governor Murphy's

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Office

Cody Miller: Monroe Township's youngest

Councilman

Constantina Meis: NJMEP Talent Manager Cosmo Cirillo: West New York Commissioner Cristina Rodriguez: Rising operative who's worked in Hackensack, Bloomfield, and Perth

Amboy

Cullen McAuliffe: Impact NJ player and former

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Dan Harris: Key adviser to Speaker Coughlin Dan Smith: Key adviser to Speaker Coughlin Danielle Ireland-Imhof: Passaic County Clerk David Grant: Deputy Director of Gov't Affairs

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Eli Nachmany: Closter native and former White

House staffer and speechwriter

Elliot Johnson: Union County Young Dems

President

Evan Covello: Works for Millennium Strategies

Evan Nissan: Marijuana policy expert

Fahim Abedrabbo: First Muslim Arab-American

elected school board member in Clifton

Frank Espinosa: Rising operative who's worked in Hackensack, Bloomfield, and Perth Amboy

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Garret Racz: Aide to Assemblyman Benson **Gary LaSpisa:** The new VP of the Insurance

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Giancarlo Ghione: GOP operative **Giancarlo Tello:** Immigration Activist

Hanna Mori: State Director for Cory Booker Harrison Neely: Veteran GOP operative Hasim Yassin: Red Bank Councilman Henry DeKoninck: Publitics founder

Ishan Shah: COS to Assemblyman Rooney **Jacob Rudolph:** Executive Director of the

Pride Network

James Belford Damiano: Little Falls Mayor James Corti: Somerset Democrats Executive

Director

James Pillion: Young Americans For Liberty

State Chairman

Jasmine Story: Eatontown Councilwoman Javahn Walker: CD6 Democratic primary

candidate

Jeff Martin: Hamilton Council President

and mayoral candidate

Jeffrey Lebron: Member of Garden State Equality's LGBTQ Police Liaison Program **Jen Lehman:** Senior advisor to Assembly

Majority Leader Greenwald

Jessica Stewart: South Jersey fundraiser John Bingham: Former NJ College Democrats

President

Jon Oliveira: Director of Communications and Membership for Garden State Equality Jonathan Chebra: Federal Affairs for NJ

Hospital Association

Jonathan Sternesky: HMFA Legislative Affairs

Julianna Vogt: Member of the HCDO's

executive team

Justin Shoham: Running Beto O'Rourke's

NJ campaign

Kaitlyn Wojtowicz: NLC Chapter Director **Kari Osmond:** District Director for Rep.

Watson Coleman

Kate Gibbs: Former Burlington County GOP

Freeholder

Kate Triggiano: Red Bank Councilwoman **Katherine Lyn:** Working on LGBT curriculum

for Garden State Equality

Katie Brennan: NJ Mortgage and Finance Agency

Chief of Staff

Kavita Mehra: Executive Director of Sahki for

South Asian Women

Keith Benson: Camden Education Association

President

Kelly Ruffel: Highly-respected Director of Passaic County Department of Cultural and

Historic Affairs

Koren Frankfort: Hudson-rooted policy brain

and fundraiser

Kyle Darby: South Jersey-based lobbyist **Lee Clark:** Candidate for Phillipsburg Council

Liz Gilbert: The NJDSC ED is leading the prep for

the DNC convention

Marelyn Rivera: Aide in Governor Murphy's Office

Maria Rodriguez-Gregg: Former GOP

Assemblywoman

Marie Guervil: Aide to Governor Murphy

Mariel Didato: 2017 LD13 Assembly candidate
Martin Page: NJ Young Dems LGBT Caucus
Matt Conlon: NJ Young Republicans Chair
Matt Garafolo: Hudson County Young GOP Chair
Matt Kitchen: Keansburg Democratic Chair

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Matt Rooney: Founder of SaveJersey

Matthew Gilson: Active Bergen GOP political

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Meredith Meisenheimer: Handles

communications for South Jersey Progressive

Women For Change

Michael Casey: Young GOP operative

Michael Chang: Aide in Secretary of State's

Office

Michael Fedorchko: Aide to Senate President

Sweeney

Michael Spadoro: Political Director for Rep.

Watson Coleman

Michael Whelan: The young Red Bank Councilman made a LD11 Assembly play

in 2017.

Michael Zhadanovsky: Key mover with the

College Democrats

Mike Makarski: Veteran operative now with

ELEC825

Mohamed Asker: Middlesex County Freeholder

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communications

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Peter Shenouda: Chairman at NJ College

Republicans

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Raine Cuseglio: Aide to Assemblyman

Chiarravalloti; part of HCDO's executive team

Raphael Chavez-Fernandez: Campaign manager for Menendez's re-election Rashan Prailow: Former Camden Council

candidate

Rashawn Davis: Former Newark Council

candidate

Regina Appolon: Aide to Assemblywoman

McKnight

Ruell Brown: Ran for South River Council Ryan Doran: South Jersey-based labor leader

Ryan Jones: South River Councilman

Ryan Weist: GOP council candidate in Rutherford

Sabeen Masih: Director of Public Affairs for

Capital Impact Group

Sam Aloi: Assembly Policy Analyst

Sam Weinstein: Rising star at Princeton Public

Affairs

Scott Salmon: Former CD7 Democratic primary

candidate

Sean Keagan Foley: Former Scotch Plains BOE

candidate and UCYD Treasurer

Seth Levin: Chief of Staff to Assemblywoman

Quijano

Shaylynn Bivens: Aide to Assemblywoman

Sumter

Shereef Elnahal: Former NJDOH Commissioner **Sikaander Khan:** Passaic freeholder aide, active

in the Arab community

Stathis Theodoroupulous: Host of millennial

podcast Jersey XYZ

Stephany Kim-Chohan: Highland Park

Councilwoman

Sydney Ugalde: Legislative Aide to

Assemblywoman DeCroce

Theo Grayer: Former NJ High School Democrats

president

Theresa Furmato Velardi: former Monmouth

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