

# Rowan Felton

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics with Specialization in Data Science* expected May 2028

**Mount Juliet High School**, Mt. Juliet, TN

*Diploma* awarded May 2024 - GPA: 4.00/4.78

**Honors:** Valedictorian (2024), AP Capstone Diploma (2024), National Rural and Small-Town Recognition (2023)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**CNN**, Chicago, IL

*Production Intern at Democratic National Convention*, August 2024

- Helped manage the designated CNN International Newsroom suite where journalists from overseas coordinated with a 20+ person production team for live broadcasts
- Liaised with production team on talent management, event logistics, and craft services

**Starbucks**, Mt. Juliet, TN

*Barista*, July 2022 – September 2024

- Order fulfillment, cash and credit transactions via POS system, customer service, serving 200+ guests a shift

## POLITICAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Paul Douglas Institute**, Chicago, IL

*Researcher*, October 2024 – Present

- In partnership with the Niskanen Center, currently working with a team of nine colleagues on researching, writing, and publishing an academic paper on the effect on wages and unemployment following the recent influx of immigrants to Chicago

**University of Chicago Democrats/Policy Caucus**, Chicago, IL

*Member* October 2024 – Present

- Member of the Policy Caucus (beginning Winter 2024) with objective of collaborating with local and state representatives and peers to write and pass legislation
- Canvased Fall 2024 in Dearborn & Kalamazoo, MI for VP Harris and state Democrats, knocking on 350+ doors to engage with undecided voters
- Ongoing meetings to discuss current events, policies, and mobilization strategies for upcoming elections

**House Council and Inter-House Council**, Chicago, IL

*Inter-House Council (IHC) Representative, Housing & Security Executive Committee Member*, October 2024 – Present

- Liaison between IHC and House weekly meetings to advocate for House members, sharing their feedback and preferences, and communicating events hosted by IHC
- Planning and staffing IHC events, including quarterly all-school events (7,000+ potential attendees)
- Advocating for students' concerns and feedback regarding housing and security issues during weekly Executive Committee meetings

**W+, Women and Gender Minorities in Public Service**, Chicago, IL

*Member/Winter Institute Attendee*, October 2024 – Present

- Winter Institute Attendee (Winter 2024) with planned curriculum of seminars fostering skills in leadership, advocacy, policy knowledge, and community building

**Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Fraternity**, Chicago, IL

*Member*, October 2024 – Present

- Exploring different law sectors, learning from working professionals, and being mentored by senior members

**AP Capstone Program**, Mt. Juliet, TN

*AP Research Project*, August 2023 – May 2024

- Defense of 33-page, 6,500+ word paper titled "Racial Exclusion in the 21st Century: Municipal Annexation Underbounding in Rural Tennessee"
- Using GIS software, created 18 unique data points based on the U.S. Census using raw data such as block, tract and place-level data, racial percentages, municipal borders, etc.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS:** Microsoft Certified (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Zoom, SolidWorks, TIGERweb/GIS, Canva, Social Media Management (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, etc.)