

Thomas J. Harrington

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Policy Manager: Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation, 2009 – Present

- Manage state Tobacco Prevention Program policy change in grant-funded rural areas outside of Alachua County; these areas happen to have traditionally experienced the highest rate of tobacco use amongst youth in the state of Florida
- Initiated policy change to include No Smoking Signs at ball fields designated smoking areas outside the Gilchrist County courthouse, approval of county school districts to establish a free tobacco cessation program for students caught with tobacco on campus, obtained two unanimous ordinances to restrict candy-flavored tobacco in Gilchrist and Dixie Counties, and managed efforts to win both a candy-flavored resolution and a resolution supporting local control

Consultant: American Heart Association's Save Florida Kids Campaign 2009

- Coordinated the support for the statewide dollar increase in cigarettes through targeting key donors of the House Speaker and Speaker-Designate and mobilizing volunteers. Without the leadership's support the measure would have failed; the House not only passed the dollar increase on cigarettes but they also included a 60% surcharge on smokeless tobacco as well
- Drafted several key pieces of literature for outreach purposes, served as spokesperson in relaying information at numerous organizational meetings across a wide geographical span, and organized a press conference in Central Florida where major television and print media attended

Manager: Don Curtis for Florida House Campaign 2008

- Managed the *largest* house district campaign in the state of Florida given ten counties and the activities of four staff personnel to oversee with 70% voter registration in our opponent's favor
- Developed and maintained a \$300,000 budget, organized scheduling, coordinated major correspondence, devised radio/call scripts, edited and revised text, drafted press releases, synthesized research data for outreach projects, planned fundraisers with major state leaders, and secured earned and paid media for one of the top five targeted races of 120 Florida House seats

Statewide Coalition Coordinator: US Senate Campaign 2006

- Implemented Congresswoman Harris' campaign outreach to faith-based communities by organizing a massive statewide coalition of volunteers for all 67 counties, organizing events where she could speak to audiences averaging 1,100 people in targeted media markets, also raising approximately \$25,000 for volunteers to have sufficient campaign supplies

Deputy Campaign Manager: State Senate Campaign 2004

- Coordinated the grassroots, volunteering, and absentee vote program for incumbent state Senator Steve Wise with 80% of the vote while simultaneously teaching high school government

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct College Instructor: Political Science

- Instruct a college introductory level course on American National Government as well as a course on State and Local Politics, Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL (2010 - Present)

Instructor: High School Business, Civics, and Religion

- Taught 9th – 12th graders in areas that developed business skills, civics, and healthy character traits at University Christian School, Potter's House Christian Academy, and Bishop Kenny High School, Jacksonville FL (2002 – 2005)

Research Assistant: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, UF

- Collected and organized data for a variety of different industry and legislative matters of research under the direction of Dr. David Denslow, Economics Professor and Research Economist, at the University of Florida (2001)

Business Intern: Financial Services Industry

- Analyzed and tracked economic data, compiled various research projects, and issued a special PowerPoint presentation on money supply for the Municipal Bonds Department at Liberty Funds Distributor, Boston, MA (Summer 2000)
- Assembled marketing information and tracked mutual fund activity using Bloomberg for Sales Department at Liberty Funds Distributor, Boston, MA (Summer 1999)
- Developed a successful long-range plan with increased business referrals for all investment executives at the Paine Webber, Inc. Branch office in Melbourne, FL (Summer 1998)

EDUCATION:

MA Political Science – 3.62 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2005 – 2007

- Department of Political Science Walter Skip Campbell Award for entrepreneurship
- Graduate School Senator – elected to serve 10,000 graduate students in UF Government
- Instructor and Program Manager at Sylvan Learning, Inc. tutoring company (Summer 2007)

BS Economics, 2000 – 3.63 GPA, University of Florida Gainesville, FL 1997 – 2000

- Treasurer and Vice President of Dorm Council and part-time Nursing Center volunteer

MEMBERSHIP & HONORS

Rotary Club Member (2011 – Present), Tobacco Prevention Network of Florida Executive Director (2010 – Present), Health Care Advisory Board, Alachua County Commission (2010 - Present), Gilchrist School Board Health & Wellness Committee (2010 - Present), Alachua County Tobacco-Free Partnership Vice Chair (2009 - Present), University of Florida Tobacco-Free Award Presenter (2010), Lions' Club Member (2010-Present), 4-H Youth Competition Volunteer Judge (2010), Graduate: U.S. Army Leadership Training Course (2005), Golden Key Honor Society (2000), U.S. Congressional Page Program (1996), 2nd Degree Black Belt, Tae Kwon Do (1990-2002), AFJROTC c/Lieutenant Colonel Academic Officer (1996-1997)