My Internship
At Senator Todd Kaminsky’s Office

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About the Senator

Senator Todd Kaminsky is a graduate of Long Beach High School. He attended University of Michigan and NYU Law School. He is a Democrat who represents the 9th district of New York State which includes the towns of Rockville Center, Lynbrook, East Rockaway, Oceanside, Island Park, Lido Beach, Long Beach, Point Lookout, and Atlantic Beach.
My Experience

Throughout my internship I was placed at Senator Kaminsky’s Office in Rockville Center. My internship responsibilities included answering questions from the Senator’s constituents over the phone. I was able to help with scheduling vaccine appointments, as well as providing information about affordable housing to those who were interested, as well as giving information to constituents on policies senator wanted to enact.
What I Learned from this Experience

The life of a Senator is very hectic. The phone lines are always busy with calls from citizens who need the Senators help. As an intern assigned to the phone bank, I was able to learn different ways to diffuse situations, and different ways of thinking. I was also exposed to proper business etiquette in high stress level situations.

This internship has helped me to understand how to effectively communicate with peers and supervisors in a work environment. During phone banking for affordable housing I was able to give information of this housing to low income families for the possibility to rent to own. This was a new experience for me as I learned about income requirements, and the opportunities for families to become homeowners.
How I Expect this Experience to Shape my Future

Here are some employability skills that I gained through this internship:

- Interpersonal communication skills
  - Confidence
- Improved my conversational Spanish skills
  - Time management
  - Organizational skills