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PRESS SECRETARY



ALUMNI CAREER SPOTLIGHT

ASK THE ALUM

Provide a brief job description. In your own words, what do you do on a daily basis?

Something I love about my job is that it presents new challenges and opportunities each day. It is never boring on Capitol Hill! The main part of my job is writing press releases and talking points, setting up interviews and working with South Dakota reporters.

What skills are most important for you to be successful in your position?

As a press secretary, you need to have excellent writing skills. So much of the job involves writing. It's important to be able to distill complex legislative policy into language that everyone can understand.

What do you like best about your job?

My favorite part of my job is getting to work for Senator Rounds. I was born and raised in Pierre, and I moved to Washington in 2011. Having the opportunity to live and work in a big city while also maintaining my ties to South Dakota through my job in Senator Rounds' office has been a blessing. South Dakota is the best place in the world, and I'll always consider it to be my home.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

As in any job, there are new challenges that pop up every day. Some days that might mean working on tight deadlines, spending long hours in the office or carefully crafting a message on a difficult policy issue.

What is one piece of advice you would offer alumni looking to enter your career or industry?

It never hurts to reach out to someone and ask for a meeting. Most people on Capitol Hill would be happy to have coffee with you and answer your questions. The USD alumni network in D.C. is strong!

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