HERE THEY COME!

Well, a lot of them have already been around for a while, sharpening their teeth in the political arena in their teens and now hitting their stride at last in their 30s.

Others are just getting started.

But whether Republicans or Democrats, what they all have in common is their membership in the under-35 club of the New Jersey political class.

They’re all millennials.

As a rule they love social media, but a few them are significantly old school. Senator Vin Gopal built himself up town by town as a party chairman, and continues to knock on doors to get eyeball to eyeball with voters in an off election year. Wally Miqbel? You don’t get more old school than Stack World.

InsiderNJ fashioned this list with an eye to the future, but when you look at the work of the people here, you realize we have met the future, and it is now.

Don’t forget to get to the beach this summer!

Max Pizarro
Assemblyman Jamel Holley Congratulates the Millennials and Policy Leaders Who Are Moving New Jersey Forward!

“There has never been a more important time for young people to step up and take a personal stake in the future of our communities, our state and our country. I am proud to congratulate all of the young leaders and policy experts who are doing the work every day to build the future of New Jersey. Let’s Go!

-Jamel Holley

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The Democratic star made history last year, not just as the first South Asian State Senator from New Jersey but also as the first elected millennial senator here, through a broad combination of political instruments. The 33-year old makes use of all the social media tools that most uniquely characterize how his generation interacts. But he's also an old school politician who insists on going door to door and winning elections house to house and town by town. He got to the Senate the old fashioned way, mostly on the strength of his work as a party and relationships builder who had to lose a lot of elections (and stand by friends who lost) in the deflating period of Chris Christie's ascendancy in order to start winning. Driven into the political world by his opposition to the 2002 Iraq War vote, the Neptune-born senator from Long Branch immersed himself early in a real-politick education that included work on local campaigns in Perth Amboy and Newark. An avid traveler statewide, Gopal personally knew – or volunteered or worked for – a lot of the main players around New Jersey before he lost his first stab at a legislative seat in 2011. He won a competitive east versus west countywide fight in 2012 to land the chairmanship of the Monmouth County Democratic Committee, and set about building on the foundations of mentor Vic Scudiery. Gopal bulked up the county organization with local wins, helped catapult Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling to victory in 2015, then headed the LD11 ticket in 2017 to knock off a strong Republican incumbent. He has a scintillating style that makes it seem as though he just got here. But the truth is the enduring, bulldogging Gopal got a very early jump on the game, and did the unglamorous work of politics for years to finally hit his stride as a first-term Senator. And after all these years, he's still the young comer.
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2 AMY DEGISE

The Jersey City school teacher shocked the state in June when she defeated state Senator Brian P. Stack, the Godzilla of Hudson County politics, to become the first woman elected Hudson County Democratic Organization chair in history. And she’s only 33.

3 RAJ MUKHERJI

At this point, he’s a veteran of the Statehouse – now as a legislator, and before that as a lobbyist and Deputy Mayor of Jersey City. And he’s only 33. Maybe a future mayor of Jersey City – or congressman.

4 JUSTIN BRAZ

A field hand for Senator Joe Cryan in LD20 and later chief of staff to Assemblyman Gary Schaer (D-36) Braz learned from the best on his way to the inner sanctum of Murphy World. Helped bring the New Leaders Council to the state.

5 CHRISTIAN FUSCARINO

The well-respected head of Garden State Equality has spearheaded the group’s post-marriage equality future and is uniquely positioned as a leading voice on issues affecting LGBTQ youth, such as homelessness, bullying, and transgender rights.
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The Toms River North Junior High student took the lead on the March For Our Lives, TV appearances, etc. He was a prime mover for the passage of gun violence prevention legislation standing with Governor Murphy when he signed the bills. Leading millennial voice for high school students.

A veteran operative already, the Chairman of the Cherry Hill Democrats and former chief of staff to Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo is now at the CRDA a Deputy Director. Under his leadership, he re-established the NJ Young Democrats, helped re-establish the NJ Young Democrats as a force to reckon with.

A cemented Democratic party fixture already, the rising star is the center of the Arab community’s raw political power in Passaic County and the state. He helped propel Andre Sayegh into the mayor’s seat, and was just selected to succeed him in the 6th Ward – becoming the youngest Councilman in Paterson’s history. Close to Chairman Currie, he’s the youngest influence on the party leader.

A comer in Trenton, he ran for an at-large council seat in municipal elections this year. He’s a critical and close ally of new Mayor Reed Gusciora.
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10  STEPHANIE LAGOS

The chief of staff, lead advisor, and confidante of already powerful First Lady Tammy Murphy, she brings both policy expertise and a millennial viewpoint into the male-dominated world of the Statehouse.

11  TONY PERRY

The former state Senator Joe Kyrillos chief of staff is a rising star in Monmouth GOP politics as a Middletown Township Committeeman.

12  SHARIQ AHMED

As the head of the Edison Democratic Organization – one of the biggest municipal organizations in the state – Ahmed knows not just how to build, but where to build – he’s honed his reputation among millennials to buttress his hometown standing.

13  CHRISTINA ZUK

Already a veteran of gubernatorial and Statehouse politics, having served as chief of staff to former Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono and as political director for JNESO, she’s the next generation of powerhouse firm Princeton Public Affairs.
He came up short in the mayoral race in Hoboken, but he’s established himself as a political force to be reckoned with, and has taken a millennial’s stance on economic and business growth in the Mile Square City, where he’s shown he won’t be pushed around by the powers that be.

Arguably the most concrete blend of old-school – and battle-tested – political consulting and millennial thinking, as he brings his old-school clients into the digital age. The next generation of Vision Media, and political consulting.

The deputy director of the Assembly Majority Office is still only 33. The ultimate cagey, government-grounded insider.

She beat a veteran incumbent in Lambertville earlier this year, representing a changing of the guard in the small Delaware Hip River town.
The former Guadagno aide became the youngest female elected official in the state earlier this year, and could be in line for advancement as part of the next generation of women-powered politics around the state.

As Commissioner of NJ’s Department of Health, Dr. Elnahal is both the first Muslim-American in that position, and the youngest, at age 32.

Former two-term President of the College Democrats of New Jersey, National Political Director of the College Democrats of America, and an Advisory Council Member on Voter’s Rights and Protection for the Democratic National Committee. Well-respected, he helped build the College Democrats into a real force.

Though she left office last year, she was one of those rarest of GOP lawmakers: female, Hispanic, and moderate. She’s taken an active role in shaping Republican views within the millennial generation, and is a prominent voice in the sexual harassment discussion.
The respected operative is everywhere and well-connected as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Murphy Administration. Led field operations for the Murphy Campaign in Monmouth County.

The Republican Committeeewoman from Mendham Township ran Scott Garrett’s 2016 campaign, and earlier this year became the youngest female elected official in the state when she was selected to serve on the township committee.

The new president of the NJ College Democrats has beefed up the communications outreach of the group and has been vocal in calling attention to candidates who the NJCD feels lack millennial focus.

Already having culled a reputation as a top policy brain in the state, McKoy is uniquely positioned as millennial policy expert: he knows how the state’s challenges affect the youngest residents.

“You've got to be willing to work long hours, and to do work that isn't always the most exciting or glamorous, especially early on. But I've found that being willing to step up and deliver opens a lot of doors at the end of the day. That, and maintaining a strong network. NJ politics is a small world, and I've found that building strong relationships really makes a difference.”

– Cristina Zuk, Princeton Public Affairs
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Still not even 30, the Edison Councilman snagged his seat in last year’s municipal elections.

President of the Hudson County Young Republicans and High School Republicans. Hudson County Republican Chairman Jose Arango sees him as the future of the Hudson GOP.

“I would offer the two pieces of advice I received early on from two of the people who I owe the most to. My Dad, Paul Swibinski, told me simply to work hard and not screw people, and the rest will work out. Mayor Nick Sacco told me to always keep your word and never go back on a promise. I’ve taken both of these pieces of advice to heart and tried my best to live up to them. They have always served me well.”

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30 CHRISTOPHER TULLY

The former Bergenfield Council President is now in the Assembly – and doubles as Rep. Gottheimer’s district director, giving a millennial’s viewpoint on the local, state, and federal levels.

31 JOHN FRANCIS ROMAN

He won off the line in Linden and established himself as the millennial counterpoint in an aged industrial town. A gutsy guy with a promising political future.

32 CRISTINA PINZON

Head of her own consulting group, State-side Affairs, she’s the future of Latina operatives in the state.

33 MATT PLATKIN

The Governor’s scary smart legal counsel, he’s made an early impact as the legal arm of Murphy’s policy and executive order shop.

“Experiment with internships and campaign jobs to find your niche where you know you’re going to give 110% day in and out. While doing that, find a good mentor who’s been around the block and is willing to go to bat for a young person to have a seat at the table. Lastly, don’t be afraid to get out of your comfort zone while putting in long hours. Hard work, dedication, and loyalty will go along way.”

– Marshall Spevak, CRDA Deputy Executive Director And NJ Young Democrats President
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A leading millennial voice on conservative politics, he’s the executive director of the Super PAC Organization For Economic Growth.

Essex’s youngest state legislator, she assumed the assembly seat left behind fellow East Orange resident Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver.

Former Legislative Director for Working Families NJ, now Communications Director for NJ Policy Perspective, he’s also a veteran of the Legislature having worked for Senator Gordon, and the youngest elected Council member in Dumont.

“Get involved as much as possible, never be afraid of making mistakes, and maintain relationships with everyone you meet. Politics is a world of connections and you never know who might be able to help you down the line in your career or your cause.”

– Garret Racz, NJ College Democrats State Council Chair
38  CHRIS JAMES

A brand-name already, the East Orange Council President has connections everywhere due to his service as LG Oliver’s COS, NJSDC Executive Director, and Young Dems President, having worked to build the group into a formidable force.

39  JESSE O. KURTZ

A Republican in a city where the GOP is outnumbered 10 to 1 and the media age of a resident is 35, the 32-year old Councilman is the face of Atlantic City millennial politics as the ocean-front gaming mecca looks towards its renaissance.

40  SUSAN RAGHEB

The new executive director of the HCDO under Amy DeGise, Ragheb takes the helm of the day-in-and-day out of that most entrenched and aged of political organizations.

41  GIANCARLO GHIONE

The Chairman of the New Jersey Young Republican Federation is an active and leading millennial voice around the state and his home county of Bergen, and is close with Hudson GOP Chair Arango

“Take time to reflect on what brought you into public service – remember who and what you’re fighting for. Don’t be afraid to let your values drive your work.”

– Louis DiPaolo, NJ Policy Perspective Communications Director
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The veteran Kivvit operative brings a lethal combination of numbers-crunching and organizing savvy.

President of the Mercer Community College Democrats chapter, she’s also a Legislative Intern at the New Jersey Legislature, worked on the Reed Gusciora Mayoral Campaign, and is Statewide Communications Director for the New Jersey College Democrats. Last year, she was elected to the South Hunterdon Regional School Board.

“The most effective elected officials are the ones who understand how to build relationships. Take an interest in who you are talking to, where they are from and what they are all about instead of taking a superficial interest in order to check a box every time you see them at an event. Also, be nice to everyone. Just because you are on opposite sides of a political race, it does not make you enemies. You don’t even know each other. Never let your ego get ahead of you because you never know when someone will be your boss based on a relationship he or she built that you had no idea. Never let it be personal unless they personally came after you, your family or your job.”

– Senator Vin Gopal
One of the state’s most important on-the-ground social justice activists on every thing from law enforcement reform to immigration.

Coming out of Benson-world in Mercer County, the respected millennial opened up Broad Street Strategies, and is an up-and-coming fundraising consultant, with clients lined up across the state.

“The only way out is through. Stay engaged, stay informed, and stay focused – no matter whether you win or lose.”

– Megan Coyne, NJ College Democrats President
48 INTASHAN CHOU DHU RY

In line to become one of the youngest BAs in the state, and a potential candidate for office, Choudhury is emblematic of the rise of Bengali power and influence within government, as the right hand of Prospect Park Mayor Khairullah.

49 BRIAN PLATT

Chair of the Hudson County Young Dems and director of the city’s Office of Innovation, he’s currently the Business Administrator in Jersey City, bringing a millennial’s viewpoint to the inner sanctum of the government of the state’s second largest city.

50 MATT KRAYTON AND HENRY DEKONINCK

The heads of Publicis, they both bring millennial tech savviness and data knowledge to the political and policy worlds.

51 JAMES SOLOMON

The Jersey City Councilman is now one of chief millennial voices in city government, and is the founder of JC Future.
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When making the decision to enter the political arena, make sure you’re doing it because you want to do the job for the right reasons. Too many people, young and old, get wrapped up in the game of politics and ultimately, lose focus of the real meaning of government: public service. I’ve made a promise to myself to stay true to my values, to help people navigate bureaucracy, and to stay focused on the job I’ve been appointed to do: serving my community. I think young people often get caught up in trying to reach for the stars, which is good to an extent, but I think it’s much more effective to focus on the present and do whatever you can to make a difference. It’s my belief that if you do those things and do them well, the sky is the limit without having to aim for it. It’s no secret that us millennials are the future but rather than just talk the talk, let’s walk the walk and forge a path that will last for those that follow. You down the line in your career or your cause.”

– Alyssa Kaye-Dawson, Westwood Councilwoman
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At the forefront of millennial Gopal’s victory clinch in LD11, he’s now political director for the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

A Virginia transplant with national campaign experience, the campaign manager for Democrat Tom Malinowski in CD7 is going head-to-head with millennial Jim Hilk, campaign manager for US Rep. Lance.

The National Chair of the High School Democrats Of America and Somerset County Young Democrats chair is a rising star.

A social worker by trade, the progressive Jacob ran in the CD7 primary, and forged forward despite the political establishment trying to keep him down. He lost, but he made his point, and showed he wouldn’t be bullied.

Entering the field of public service in any capacity is certainly not easy and the opportunities to prove yourself do not happen over night. Finding a steady mentor is essential to help guide you through difficult situations, make sure your goals are progressing forward, and that you are always learning. Relationship building is paramount. The common perception for millennials is that we move before we think, or in other words lack patience. Patience in politics is very important, it can become a thankless job so do not expect anything ever in return. If you do not understand something, ask as many questions as you can. Best of luck to all my fellow millennials and aspiring public servants!

– Intashan Choudhury, Prospect Park Assistant Business Administrator
The Chair of the College of New Jersey College Republicans is currently working for the Congressional Leadership Fund.

Currently Vice President of the College Democrats of New Jersey and President of the Seton Hall College Democrats, she’s the first woman of color to become Vice President in CDNJ’s history. A statewide college coordinator for the Murphy campaign, she organized college students in voter registration and GOTV efforts.
64  MARIA DEL CID

The director of legislative services for the New Jersey Department of Health cut her teeth in the office of the late Assemblyman Jerry Green of Union County.

65  AYLOM BERGER

The co-founder and former chair of the NJ High School Democrats who’s received national recognition, Berger is currently working on Mikie Sherrill’s battleground CD11 campaign.

“Perseverance and grit is a damn good substitute for experience. What you do every day matters more than what you do once in a while. Love the process and the process will love you back, especially when we’ve got a long run ahead of us.”

– Michael Whelan, Red Bank Councilman

66  BOB ANDRZECZAK

The Iraqi war veteran is also a legislative veteran at this point, and is Chair…South Jersey. He could make a play…Congress.

67  RASHAWN DAVIS

The youngest to ever run for Newark Council, the Georgetown alum advocated for millennial issues during his candidacy, and was named to Mayor Baraka’s civilian police review board.

“If you find yourself interested in volunteering for a political campaign, try to find an email or phone number on the campaign’s website. If you don’t get a response, continue to contact the campaign, or even consider going to the campaign’s office. Nearly all campaigns are enthusiastic about young volunteers, so don’t give up until you receive a response!”

– Jason Lam, Vice President of High School Democrats of American
The former COS to West New York Mayor Roque is also the Democratic Chair there, and he executed a flawless county committee strategy during the HCDO fight for winning team DeGise.

The program director for ‘Make The Road NJ’, she’s a leading millennial advocate for immigrant and first-generation students, particularly in her home base of Union County.

"Growing up around and inside of the political arena taught me that your skin should be thick but your heart and mind should always be open. Being a good leader isn't about amplifying your voice but engaging others to join the conversation on good government. I’ve learned that people will remember how you treat them more than what you could do for them, so I work harder on creating relationships than adversaries. Not everyone will always agree with you, but they will know that every decision you make is an educated one and respect your fair-mindedness."

– Amy DeGise, HCDO Chair

The face of the Monmouth Democrats this year as a freeholder candidate, the NJ Laborers administrator is focusing her campaign on millennial issues.
You will almost always be the youngest at the table. Know your subject matter and be prepared. When you’re not, people will point to your age and inexperience. We have to work twice as hard to maintain our position as equals to everyone else around the table. & Do not get told to “sit back and learn”. Many times it’s an attempt to moderate a young person’s desire for change and improvement. The time for sitting back and learning is when you’re a candidate. Advocate for what you believe in, knowing that your generation’s voting power is growing by the day make is an educated one and respect your fair-mindedness.”

– Daniel Golabek, Elmwood Park Council President
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A trusted aide to state Senator Brian P. Stack (D-33), Miqbel blends the old-school Hudson street-conquest with a millennial bent.

A millennial LGBT activist, Spadoro came up in the NJSDC and now is in charge of Rep. Watson Coleman’s political campaign.

"Every morning ask yourself what you will do today to make the world less difficult for others. If by the end of the day you have nothing to show, you’re doing a disservice to yourself and those around you."

– Christian Fuscarino, Garden State Equality Executive Director

He was spotlighted as a losing Assembly candidate in LD11, and went down with Beck’s ship, but he provided the GOP’s millennial counterpoint to Democrat Gopal, and is popular in Monmouth GOP circles and considered a rising star.

“I think it’s important to understand that change doesn’t happen overnight. When you step up to become a leader, you’ve assumed a great deal of responsibility in conditions of uncertainty. It is imperative to maintain the commitment to your cause in the face of hardship and intense criticism.”

– Zachary Dougherty, March For Our Lives NJ
KARI OSMOND


SAM WEINSTEIN

The Republican operative from Somerset County is a rising star at Princeton Public Affairs, and got his start as the driver for former Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli (R-16).

MATT CONLON

He took a loss when ally Steve Lonegan went down in CD5, but the passionate Conlon isn't afraid of a battle, and has become a veteran of Passaic County politics. The West Milford GOP Chair, he’s close with Passaic GOP power center Peter Murphy.

KATIE CERICOLA

The Bergen County native is the host of ‘Millennial Minute With Katie’ podcast, and is a growing influence among young politicos.

You’ll encounter folks in politics who want to cut you down to size just because of your age. As the youngest county chairperson in history, I got that a lot. The only way to fight that is to work your ass off and show everyone that age is just a number. Get back to people on time, always follow-up, and do a good job”

– Michael Suleiman, Atlantic County Democrats Chairman
He didn’t win in CD2, but he made a stand, and was chosen by Atlantic County Republican Chairman Davis to head up the Young Republicans – and early on has shown a willingness to use that role to fight for young Republicans.

If you want to run for office as a millennial, many will always tell you it’s not your time. Disregard the naysayers but have humility and learn from everyone and everything. When you feel you’re ready, that you’re doing it for the right reasons, run on your vision, own your views and beliefs - be authentic. The establishment will very likely lash back to preserve their position, at times hard, but don’t sway or lose track. If you win, avoid becoming part of that status quo, if you lose, keep challenging it.

– Mike DeFusco, Hoboken Councilman
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A student at Rowan University, Brago is a publisher of two books, worked for Victory 2017, and is the Southern Regional Chair for the College Democrats of New Jersey.

“Don’t sit around waiting for the phone to ring. Follow up and be persistent even if it means being a nudge sometimes. Be the person who stands out instead of being forgotten. I believe your colleagues and peers will appreciate your willingness to be relentless in a professional manner and take it as a positive trait, not a negative one.”

– Dave Spector, former Bellmawr Councilman

Rising GOP political consultant and leader of the Middlesex County Young Republicans.

The former Bellmawr Councilman was the youngest elected in the South Jersey town, and currently is the VP for Trades and Unions Magazine.

When he was first elected in his early 20s as a Morris Freeholder, he became the millennial face of the next generation conservative movement in Morris – and statewide – and still commands respect.
He has a trifecta millennial GOP role as chair of the Seton Hall College Republicans, Vice Chair of the NJ College Republicans, and Vice Chair of the Morris County Young Republicans.

The President of the Stevens College Democrats and statewide Political Director of the New Jersey College Democrats, he organized college students for Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla’s winning mayoral campaign.

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The former Sires staffer is making a play for a council seat in Morris Township, and is the personification of the new-look Democratic Party in the county, which has been making in-roads in the GOP stronghold.

“Hard work and a successful mentor are priceless.”
– Jesse Kurtz, Atlantic City Councilman

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The South River Councilman and Hoagland Longo lawyer has worked on developing urban planning concepts and 21st century design into suburban areas – an approach that appeals to millennials, who are migrating out of state.

Coming up in the male-dominated Hudson County as aide to Freeholder Stick Romano, Rivera thrived as a respected and classy operative and advanced to the Governor’s Office.

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A former College Democrats Vice President, Terry has experience working on the ground in Hudson County and has made millennial issues the foundation of his political presence and advocacy.

At ground zero of national politics as the helmswoman of Democrat Mikie Sherrill’s CD11 campaign.

Senator Booker congratulates all those recognized in the 2018 InsiderNJ 100 Millennials List

“For Democracy is never a thing done. Democracy is always something that a nation must be doing.”

- Archibald MacLeish
Student activist in Elizabeth, he co-founded the Students For Elizabeth Advisory Committee, and is rising voice for students’ issues.

Listen passionately, think deeply, react when necessary and fail early and often. Never compromise your ideals but be flexible in your methods. Show respect for different viewpoints and travel, travel, travel. Also, never allow a young kid to run around sans diaper.

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MILLENNIALS ON THE RISE

• Ali Rhode: Press Secretary to Rep. Gottheimer
• Andrea Katz: COS at the Department of Human Services
• Andrew Regenstreif: The NLC fellow has been active in campaigns around the state, and is a rising force in the development world
• Andrew Trenk: a classic, West Orange-schooled Democratic Party operative with ties everywhere, including up north and at the shore
• Bharati Ganesh: An up-and-coming influencer among her politically active South Asian peers
• Bianca Jerez: DACC political director
• Billy Leonard: The GOP Councilman in Glen Rock took on the LD38 Assembly contest in 2017
• Brendan Neal: Trenton Mayor Reed Gusciora’s right hand come clutch time.
• Brendan Quinones: Long active in Bergen GOP circles, the former NJ Young Republicans president helped engineer DiGaetano’s 2017 chair victory
• Brittany Wheeler: The former Ciattarelli campaign staffer is now Assemblyman Rooney’s COS
• Carl Benedetti Jr.: The Ewing BOE member is making a play for the LD15 Assembly seat
• Chance Lykins: Already a veteran at MBI Gluck-Shaw, his profile is poised to rise under the leadership of new head Rudy Garcia
• Charlie Kratovil: The newsman-turned-candidate is gearing up for a New Brunswick mayoral run
• Chris DiPiazza: The Paramus councilman could be a future Assembly candidate from a battleground town, in a battle ground district
• Cullen McAuliffe: Impact NJ, Running for Freeholder in Burlington County
• Davon McCurry: A rising star in the lobbying world, having cut his teeth at the venerated Princeton Public Affairs Group, she’s the co-founder of South Asian Women Of Trenton Networking Group
• Diana Candelengo: The right hand of RWJ-Barnabas’ Micheleene Davis
• Elton Armady: Plainfield Councilman
• Fahim Abedrabbo: First Muslim Arab-American elected school board member in Clifton
• Garret Racz: Head of the NJ Young Democrats State Council
• Gary La Spisa: Public policy rising star with the NJ Apartment Association
• Gregory Good: Economic Development Manager for East Orange
• James Belford Damiano: Youngest elected Mayor of Little Falls
• Javahn Walker: Ran in the Democratic primary in CD6 earlier this year
• John McCarthy: Elected the youngest municipal chairman in Keansburg at age 18
• Jude Ezeh: The National Political Director for the College Democrats of American.
• Justin Shoham: The founder of Enigma Consulting, he served as Assemblyman Mukherji’s COS
• Kavita Mehra: Executive Director of Sahki for South Asian Women
• Koren Frankfort: The former YDA Finance Chair and Insider NJ columnist has Hudson roots, and is a policy pro
• Kyle Darby: The South Jersey resident is a rising black millennial in the lobbying world
• Liz Gilbert: NJSDC Executive Director
• Max Blum: Executive Director of the Somerset County Democrats
• Megan Cryan: Kiwiit’s newest star addition, she focuses on energy and infrastructure.
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• Mohamed Askar: The Rutgers student has been the NJ College Dems treasurer and an aide to the Middlesex Freeholder Board.
• Nadia Hussain: Co-founder of the Bangladeshi American Women’s Development Initiative
• Ned Miller: Van Drew for Congress campaign manager
• Nick Mamanno: longtime COS to Senator Lagana
• Ryan Peene: Having cut his teeth at MBI Gluck Shaw, he’s plugged in everywhere
• Ryan Peters: LD8 Assemblyman who succeeded Maria Rodriguez-Gregg
• Sabeen Masih: Director of Public Affairs for Capital Impact Group, she’s the co-founder of South Asian Women Of Trenton Networking Group
• Sam Fogelgaren: Smart as a whip young Democrat
• Scarlett Rajski: Director of Appointments for Governor Murphy
• Sergio Granado: Union County Freeholder President
• Seth Levin: Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Roy Freiman (D-16)
• Sikaander Khan: The Passaic County freeholder aid is active in the Arab community
• Simon Pereira: A Booker world operative now at Mercury Public Affairs
• Stephen Steglik: The chair of the Burlington County Young Democrats is seeking a council seat in Mount Laurel
• Sydney Ugalde: Chair of the Morris County Young Republicans
• Theresa Furmato Velardi: former Monmouth GOP ED
• TJ Best: The youngest Paterson BOE member became the youngest Passaic County freeholder
• Tyler Burrell: Delran councilman