

Michelle,

I bet you won't remember me but I wanted to send you a note. I met you when I participated in the 2005 NEW Leadership Program at OSU. I have since gone on to work for Congressman Pat Tiberi since January 2006 (that is when my internship began). Anyway, Pat spoke to the women at The Davidson Institute today and I saw your name on the list of this years attendees. I went to meet the group with Pat in hopes of catching up with you but JoAnn told me you were unable to make it due to work. This would be true to form for you from what I can recall from that week :) You may not realize this but I tell people you are the reason I came to Washington. When you were an advisor for the program you were so passionate about your work- telling us that you didn't mind working until midnight some nights because you really enjoyed your job. I remember at that point thinking I need to learn more about what a lobbyist does. It is so rare people actually say they like their job. I also was trying to find a way out of law school at the time. Haha.

So, I did an internship program which placed me at a firm in DC. I was not learning much there so I called my Representatives office, and that was Pat. I have now worked for Pat full time since July 2006 when I graduated from Ohio University. In January I will have been with the office 5 years including my internship. It does not seem possible that I have lived here that long. You may not have known it at the time but being a part of the NEW program really does make a difference.

Thank you for being an inspiring, political female. I hope all is well with you and your husband. He spoke on one of our panels that year also. Maybe we can get lunch when I am in town next time.

Sincerely,
Kelli Briggs