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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of America's Future,

Thank you for your partnership with America's Future as we work to fulfill our mission of empowering effective lifelong advocates for liberty. In this report, you will see updates and highlights from 2022, as we continued our work and embarked on new projects.

You'll also get to know some of the inspiring young people we have the privilege of working with. Last year across the nation, young people raised their hands, got involved, and found ways that they could advance freedom right in their own communities.

In 2022, AF launched a brand new Hub in California, building a network of eager young people looking for solutions to the challenges faced by that state, and eager to be a voice for freedom in cities like Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Over the years we have encouraged our chapters and Hubs to add Days of Action to their schedule of events, giving people the chance to represent the ideas of freedom while interacting with their communities. The response we've seen to this has been exciting, and has led to the launch of the GO! (Grassroots Organizing) Fellowship. This Fellowship helps young people identify a need in their community, and guides them through the process of building a solution.

Our cities and towns need free market solutions as they struggle to rebuild in the wake of rising crime and high inflation. Young people, looking for ways to change the world, are eager to start in their backyard, and through AF's work we are equipping them to do just that.

In the years ahead we will continue to build our network of young leaders through our Bold, On the Ground, Leadership Development and Outreach, we will fortify their knowledge of first principles and grow their skills through our Leadership Development, and we will continue to offer an example to engaged and future focused young people of the opportunities and benefits that lie with a more free society through online Outreach. Finally, we will encourage an entrepreneurial spirit- inspiring young people to launch new efforts of their own.



Your partnership allows America's Future to empower a new generation of Freedom's Leaders, and we are so grateful for your support in this endeavor.

Thank you for your partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cindy Cerquitella'.

Cindy Cerquitella
Executive Director

A LITTLE ABOUT US

Developing the Next Generation of Freedom's Leaders

Mission:

America's Future recruits and cultivates young professionals to become effective, lifelong advocates for liberty.

How:

America's Future offers rising generations opportunities for networking, mentoring, leadership, and community engagement through our network of city-based chapters, regional hubs, and nationwide membership. We offer an extensive array of opportunities for young people in their 20's and 30's to expand their skills, understand the values of liberty more deeply, and build a support network as they rise to positions of leadership.

Founded in 1995 by a group of aspiring young advocates, America's Future quickly grew to be "the place" for rising young leaders in Washington, D.C. In 2011, we took the show on the road, launching chapters in cities across the country. In 2020, Talent Market, the freedom movement's premier talent agency, joined the team.

In 2022, America's Future had 11 full-time team members, 8 city-based chapters, 5 regional hubs, and a nationwide membership serving young people in 40 states and growing every day.



"America's Future has helped empower me to feel like I can truly make a difference in my community."

**Josh Crowder
Atlanta, GA
GO! Fellow**

BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEW



Beverly Hallberg, Treasurer

PRESIDENT, DISTRICT MEDIA GROUP, AF BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2021

Tell us about your history with America's Future

One of my first networking experiences as a young professional in D.C. was attending an America's Future seminar. I didn't attend simply to learn, I knew networking was key to growing my career. Over the years, AF events became a staple in my life, and through them I developed relationships with people who I work with to this day, many of whom are close friends. Without the connections I made, I doubt my business would be as successful.

What's your favorite memory of an AF event/program/etc?

I've always loved the AF Gala and remember fondly when it was at the Arts Club. It was a great way to, of course, have fun, but also to continue to build my network. I always appreciated that AF held events that weren't just educational, but offered a way to get to know people beyond the question, "What do you do for a living?" Getting to know people beyond that focus is the way to build a lasting network, and events like the Gala were a great way to do so.

What do you see as the major challenges facing America today?

I think one of the greatest challenges America's Future has is combating the prevailing thought by younger generations that government is the answer to life's problems — from college debt relief, to health care, to bailouts. One way to face this challenge is to show how solving problems at the local level — city, county, state — is a much better way to help people in need.

What opportunities do you see for young people to lead the charge?

Covid has opened up opportunities for people to see how important policies are at the state level. No matter where a young professional lives they can get involved in their community. One doesn't have to work or live in D.C. to see change. So, as AF chapters grow, I hope we see an effort for them to be part of the local narrative.

Why did you decide to join the board of America's Future?

Since AF was such a tremendous resource for me, I was eager to find a way to give back. When I was approached about a board position, I knew it was the perfect fit.

What are you looking forward to in the years ahead?

The regional chapters continue to grow. I'd also like to see more outreach to the press, including members writing and speaking on issues of freedom. This could be different from city to city, but equipping young professionals with the tools to aid their civic involvement is key to AF's future.

What do you wish everyone knew about this cause?

That building your network with young professionals is not only important for personal development but also for the communities they live in. People are energized by each other and, when you put freedom-loving individuals together, great things happen. People should see AF as a great facilitator to people who may otherwise feel isolated in their views.

CHAPTERS

ON THE
GROUND

Through monthly events on topics ranging from local policy issues to social events, AF is building communities of young people empowered to advance freedom wherever they may be. We are ensuring a youth-led voice for freedom in the nation's most pivotal cities with our city-based chapters hosting **72** events in 2022.



Atlanta

Led by their chapter leader Nico Zviovich, AF-Atlanta hosted a joint event with Americans for Prosperity Foundation Georgia and the Libre Institute where they heard from food truck owners directly impacted by Georgia's difficult regulatory landscape. Soon after the event, Governor Brian Kemp signed legislation into law that reduces barriers for food truck owners.

Chicago

In 2022, AF-Chicago passed the torch to their new chapter leader, business owner Johnathon "JB" Bush. They hosted the event *Entrepreneurship in the Windy City* where Johnathon and another local entrepreneur, Willie Sims, spoke about opportunities and business barriers in the city.



Columbus

New co-chapter leaders Hannah Kubbins and Logan Kolas welcomed Second Amendment advocate Rhonda Mary to the Buckeye State for a joint event with the Network of Enlightened Women, where they discussed guns, race, and human rights.

Dallas

AF-Dallas, led by chapter leader Mason Morgan, held events that explored government accountability, such as Achieving a Transparent Government with Mayor Joe Chow of Addison, TX. They discussed what Mayor Chow has done since being in office to promote and achieve a high level of transparency in Addison's municipal government.



Indianapolis

AF-Indianapolis led a joint discussion with the Indiana Federation of Young Republicans on conservative fiscal policies and government spending with special guest Rep. Todd Huston, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Jackson

Nic Lott, longtime chapter leader of AF-Jackson, invited Mississippi State Auditor Shad White to discuss brain drain and how Jackson can attract and retain homegrown talent. During of the water crisis last year, AF-Jackson invited Les Herrington, the Mississippi Department of Health's Environmental Director, to provide an update on the crisis and the steps that lay ahead.



Milwaukee

AF-Milwaukee is led by Kirsten Golinski, who is joined by a committed group of young citizens. Their Community Initiative on poverty alleviation led them to host events dedicated to raising funds for local charities, spearheading the establishment of a Little Library for a middle school, and exploring policies that will lead to greater prosperity for their state and city.

Raleigh

AF-Raleigh toured a nuclear training facility and had Dr. Nina Balmededa, the president of Peace and Hope International, speak. That night, they helped launch two American Conservation Coalition (ACC) chapters! They also held an event where they heard from two formerly incarcerated men and from Dr. Louis Threatt, the founder of UR Restored Ministries and co-founder of Project Turn. This event launched a bike giveaway in which they donated 125 bikes to children in the community.



AF established Regional Hubs to amplify the work of some of our top-performing chapters and young leaders. Hubs are charged with both building deep roots within their communities and not as well as expanding AF's reach to surrounding cities and states, becoming a central gathering place for nearby eager young leaders. Regional Hubs hosted **67** events both virtually and in person in 2022.

Events:

- AF-California Launch - Meetup at the Ballpark!
- 2nd Amendment in Santa Clarita
- Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration
- Arbitrary Lines: Zoning Discussion
- Annual Supreme Court Round Up with the Federalist Society

California

New!

With young people leaving the state in droves, the fallout from COVID-19 regulations, and the continued increasing influence of progressive policies, the time is right to give young people across California the tools to stand up and demand alternatives. America's Future launched AF-California in 2022 to ensure that young leaders are equipped and ready to present freedom-based alternatives as the state seeks strategies to solve their mounting challenges. The California Hub hosted events focused on finding solutions that will help young Californians live, work, create, and thrive.

Partners: The Federalist Society, Reason Foundation, Young Voices, the Acton Institute, California Policy Center, and the Leadership Institute.

STORY OF IMPACT:

With homelessness, rising costs, and safety concerns on the rise, Californians are looking far and wide for solutions to save their cities. At our first event in Los Angeles, America's Future, in partnership with Reason Foundation and Young Voices, hosted a discussion with AF Writing Fellows alumnus

Nolan Gray (Class of 2015), who discussed his new book, *Arbitrary Lines, How Zoning Broke the American City* to a packed house on a Friday night. This important conversation equipped young Angelinos with solutions and talking points to bring back to their own communities on how cities can flourish.

Pagona Manoglou is the Director of the California Hub. As a passionate California native, she was tasked with building AF's presence in cities across the state including Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco. Helping with the launch of AF-California is Hub Coordinator, Hannah Henriksen.

Washington D.C.

As America's Future's birthplace, Washington, D.C. is AF's chief outpost for empowering young leaders to advance freedom within the movement. AF-D.C. brings together think tank, Capitol Hill, and media staff to expand their skills, debate ideas, and explore how to advance freedom on a national level.

Lydia Pitea has served as the D.C. Hub Director since 2020. In her full-time capacity, she serves as the Director of Events and Operations at the Common Sense Society (Lydia was previously the Director of Novus Society at DonorsTrust). In 2022, Addison Patrick joined as the Acting D.C. Hub Coordinator.

STORY OF IMPACT:

The D.C. Hub hosted Socratic dinners where they brought key leaders like Carrie Lukas, President of Independent Women's Forum, to small intimate conversations with Hub members to discuss topics like solving poverty and education reform. These provided an opportunity for young professionals to gain access to leaders they may not otherwise have the chance to meet, make deeper connections with industry experts, and identify new freedom-centric solutions to national problems.



Events:

- Stay in School! Ed Reform and EdChoice
- Solving Poverty in D.C.
- How Housing Regulations Prevent the American Dream
- D.C.'s Poor Parental Leave Policies
- An Evening with Arthur Brooks
- Welcome to Washington

"The D.C. Hub is a community for young professionals of all backgrounds, ideologies, and passions to join together to learn more about ways to make the world a freer and happier place – all while growing alongside each other in the skills they need to excel in their careers."
– Lydia Pitea



Partners: Americans for Tax Reform, Independent Women's Forum, Big Fish Recruiting, Hillsdale College's Kirby Center, The Fund for American Studies, and the Leadership Institute.



"In the Northeast, our cities are dominated by far-left radicals who look down on people who dream of better lives for themselves and their families. Our community initiatives are laser focused on holding the government accountable and defending people who are targeted by the progressive left. I've seen the difference we can make!"

- Larry Gillheeney,
Northeast Hub Director

Northeast

The Northeast Hub is led by Larry Gillheeney, a lifelong resident of Cranston, Rhode Island who helped launch the AF-Rhode Island chapter in 2017. In his full-time capacity he is the Advocacy Manager for the Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity. This year, Sam Adofu joined the team as Hub Coordinator.

In 2022, Larry focused his efforts on expanding the presence of the Northeast Hub throughout the region. Helping to achieve this is AF Northeast's Leadership Council Chair Grant Van Eck, who helped co-launch the Rhode Island Chapter with Larry in 2017 and brought AF to New Jersey when he moved.



STORY OF IMPACT:

In 2022, the NE Hub continued its efforts to address elitism in the region and the lack of government accountability. One example of this was when AF-Northeast member Justin Musella was elected for town

council. Grant Van Eck took Justin under his wing and mentored him. Recently, Justin was the only vote against a union-backed initiative, and in response the unions decided to protest him, bussing in hundreds of protestors to Justin's town.

Yet, Justin wasn't alone – AF provided him with a community of support. Justin has credited AF for having his back and teaching him how to talk about the issues – and freedom – in a way people would understand.

Events:

- A New Generation in Jersey
- A New Generation In Portland
- Liberty Showdown with Larry & Grant- region-wide virtual trivia
- Celebrating Tomorrow's Leaders
- Liberty At The Polo Match
- Unlocking New Jersey's Limitless Potential
- All I Want for Christmas is Freedom

Partners: Maine Heritage Policy Center, Young Americans For Liberty, Ricochet, Blexit, Turning Point USA, New York Young Republican Caucus, Moving Picture Institute, Novus Society, RI Center for Freedom and Prosperity, and Talent Market.

Southwest

In 2022, the Southwest Hub was led by Jo Jensen in Denver, CO and Austin Jack in Phoenix, AZ. The southwest region of the United States is becoming a beacon for freedom and prosperity for young professionals. We are observing one of the largest influxes of people under 40 who are ready for change, and prepared to advocate on behalf of liberty. AF-Southwest's Jeffersonian Dinners served as an example of how policy discussions should be managed. This adoption of Thomas Jefferson's once-successful form of communicating with community stakeholders empowered AF leaders to participate in open dialogues prompting real next steps for change. It is a model that is now followed by dozens of policy groups in Arizona and Colorado.



Events:

- Garden Talk: Second Chances in Colorado, Criminal Justice Series, Resumes (and Cover Letters) That Don't Suck
- Jeffersonian Dinner at TOS-Con in Colorado
- AF Southwest Rockies Happy Hour

"We're providing a platform for young leaders to profess their philosophical and political beliefs in an environment where 'cancel culture' does not exist, helping them become pioneers for positive change in America."
– Austin Jack

STORY OF IMPACT:

In 2022, the Southwest Hub explored serious issues in the region: election reform, criminal justice reform, education reform, regulatory reform, and the most popular of them all – tax reform. Tax reform discussions led to AF members volunteering with local think tanks to advocate on behalf of a 2.5% flat tax for all

Arizonans that went into effect this year.

In 2022, Denver, CO combined three event elements together: a networking reception, film screening, and a Jeffersonian dinner. This format provided an opportunity for two dozen attendees to discuss real change in Denver, and ways in which reform was possible.

Since the screening, we have seen multiple groups engage in further discussions, including a local foundation for freedom nonprofits, and a professional marketing firm which aims to reveal more stories of how reform in our criminal justice system will change the lives of many Americans who want real freedom and an opportunity to chase the American Dream.

Events:

- Happy Hour: Permissionless Innovation with Adam Thierer
- Earth Day Hike & Breakfast Tacos
- Can the Force Fix the World? A Book Discussion with Stephen Kent
- AF Texas Hub Food For Thought: Is Austin Heading in the Right Direction?
- Local Governments Gone Wild
- AF Texas Hub at The Range
- AF Texas Hub & Independent Women's Network Chapter Launch
- The Most Powerful Branch? SCOTUS Impact on Policy & Elections
- Operation Christmas Child Box Packing Party

Texas

Sarah Silberstein served as the leader of the Texas Hub, based in Austin, TX. Born and raised in Northern California, Sarah's family moved their small business to Texas following the state's economic downturn in 2008. Sarah is the Director of Marketing and Communications at the Associated General Contractors of Texas.

STORY OF IMPACT:

One way the Texas Hub embraced their community initiative of localism, was volunteering at local food banks. Brandon Borke, Texas Hub Council Member, said that "one of my favorite events was when the AF Texas Hub volunteered at the Central Texas Food Bank during the holidays. The holidays are a time to give thanks for what we have and give back to those who are struggling in our communities." The Central Texas Food Bank serves 21 counties in central Texas, and on their shift, the Texas Hub sorted 6,850 pounds of food.



"Now is the perfect time to highlight and preserve the individual rights that lead to increased opportunities and happier, freer communities."

– Sarah Silberstein, Texas Hub Director

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

Each year, AF brings together its local leaders for a long weekend of strategic meetings (and fun!). This year, 30 AF leaders met in Chicago, where they took an architectural boat tour and conducted intensive planning sessions.

Leaders walked away with a tighter network and support system as well as valuable skills in event planning, marketing, recruitment, and more.



NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

AF has active national members in 40 states and Puerto Rico.

AF launched the National Membership program to create a national community, provide additional professional development opportunities, and empower those who do not live within a Regional Hub or chapter city.

2022 Member Events

- An Empowering Evening with T.K. Coleman
- State Policy Network Annual Meeting Members-Only Lunch
- Free headshots for members at State Policy Network Annual Meeting
- Members-Only Virtual Leadership Retreat with the Arbinger Institute
- Personal Finance meeting with Patrick Nalepa
- Media Training with President of District Media Group, Beverly Hallberg

Meet our Members:



**Justin
Musella**

**TOWN
COUNCILOR
FROM
PARSIPPANY, NJ**

AF provided Justin with a community of support that empowered him to stand his ground when he was the only vote against a union-backed initiative.



**Rep. Kyle
Pierce**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Representative Pierce led a grassroots campaign that resulted in making contact with 42,000 voters, including 18,800 doors that he personally knocked on!



James Paek
CUMMING, GA

"I would recommend AF to someone who is interested in professional development, grassroots activism, and a political movement centered in liberty and freedom."



Amanda Kieffer

MILWAUKEE, WI

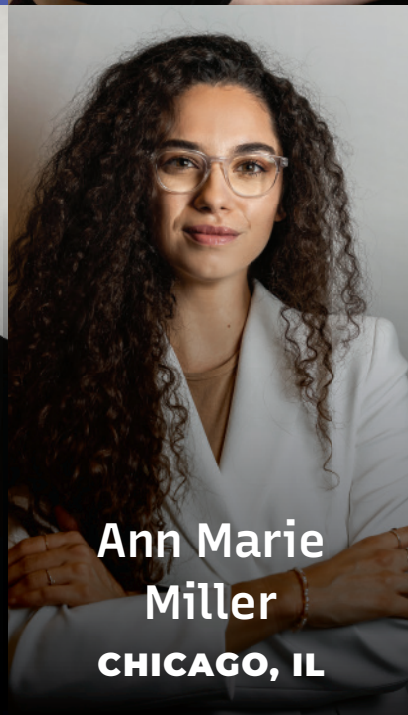
"America's Future is the best way to meet millennials and Gen Z freedom lovers who are interested in making their communities better places."



Laneigh Pfalser
LITTLE ROCK, AR



Kaeley Cook
HENDERSON, NV



Ann Marie Miller
CHICAGO, IL



Mary Catherine McElhone
ATLANTA, GA



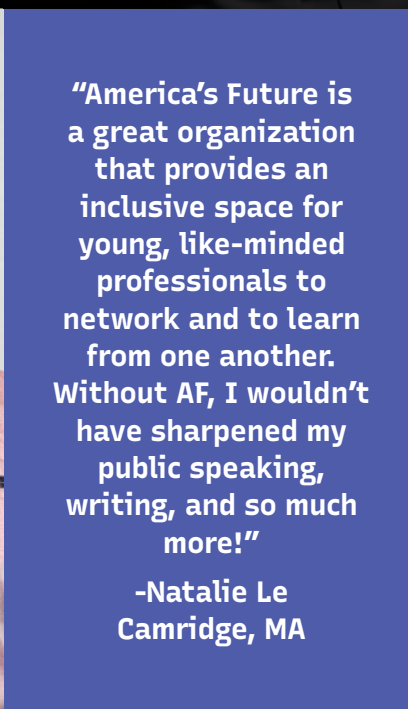
Filipp Krasovsky
LOS ANGELES, CA

"I had a fantastic time at the events AF hosted during the SPN summit in Atlanta, and am working on several projects directly because of the connections I made!"



"America's Future is a great organization that provides an inclusive space for young, like-minded professionals to network and to learn from one another. Without AF, I wouldn't have sharpened my public speaking, writing, and so much more!"

-Natalie Le
Cambridge, MA



Milton Quiles
PUERTO RICO

WRITING FELLOWS

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT



About Matt

Matt Purple is the Online Editor at The Spectator World edition. Prior to that, he served as an editor at The American Conservative, Rare Politics, and The American Spectator. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia. Matt has led the curriculum development for the Writing Fellows program since 2020.

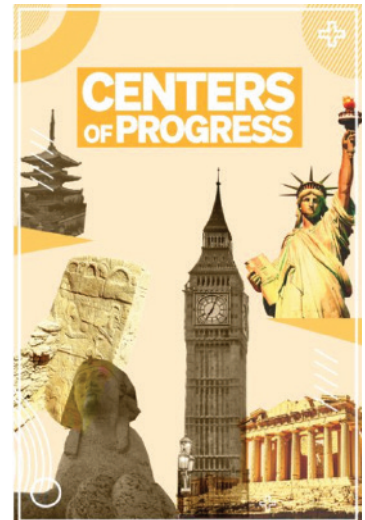
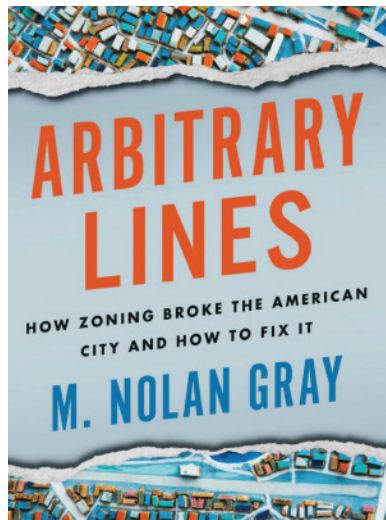
The Writing Fellows program offers aspiring young writers six weeks of digital or in-person training on effective communication, drafting great headlines, policy writing, and successfully pitching op-eds. In addition, program alumni return each session to mentor current students, helping to build a deep and growing network of effective and skilled communicators of liberty.

"Training young writers through the America's Future writing fellowship is one of the most important things I do. It ensures that younger conservatives and libertarians not just understand how to write, but are able to spread their message throughout the larger media ecosystem. At a time when so much of youth culture is monolithically left-wing, young people need to know there's an alternative. Offering that alternative is what America's Future does

Outlets AF's Writing Fellows have been published in

Washington Examiner, The Federalist, The Daily Caller, Forbes, Fox News, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Hill, National Review, MSN, The Independent, USA Today, New York Post, The Daily Beast, The Epoch Times, RealClear Politics, Lone Conservative, The Dispatch, Business Insider, Reason, American Thinker, The Spectator, and more.

Books
published by
Writing
Fellows
alumnus



WF By the Numbers

29,625 Articles published by Alumni in 2022

56 Participants in 2022

2 Writing Fellow alumni selected for the prestigious Novak Fellowship through The Fund for American Studies.



"AF taught me how to write better, and how to pitch articles with confidence. They are out there every day defending our hard-earned freedoms and getting a whole new generation excited about doing the same."

-Marcos Carvalho, Data Visualization and Communications Specialist at ECS Tech, Class of Spring 2020

"The Writing Fellows Program allowed me to become a regular op-ed writer by teaching me how to structure and pitch op-eds that outlets are likely to take. Thank you, AF!"

-Elise Amez-Droz, Program Manager at Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Class of Summer 2019

GO! FELLOWSHIP

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

New this year, AF launched the GO! (grassroots organizing) Fellowship to give young people the skills, relationships, and strategic plans needed to launch their own activism project and start making a difference in their city or town. For freedom to advance, young people must engage within their local communities and provide solutions to the challenges their cities face. This new fellowship empowers young people seeking to do just that.



Kaleigh Cunningham

GO! Fellowship Coordinator

Kaleigh graduated from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania in 2017 with degrees in Political Science and Environmental Geography. While in school, Kaleigh founded a Young Americans for Liberty chapter. Now Kaleigh can be found empowering young people to act on behalf of the environment as president of ACC-Missoula. Kaleigh also works as the Director of Outreach and Communications at Princetonians for Free Speech and Marketing Coordinator at Mountain Bike Missoula.

Through weekly training sessions and one-on-one mentorship, young leaders were able to:

1. Gain the confidence, skills, and knowledge needed to create meaningful change in their communities
2. Collaborate with a peer group that cares about improving people's lives and making a difference
3. Learn from experts on: recruitment, theory of change, event planning, volunteer management, marketing, leadership, strategy, and more
4. Create a meaningful organizing project



Joshua Crowder

ATLANTA, GA

Project: Create an accessible firearms training program for individuals who may not be able to afford safety training.

Hannah Henriksen

SACRAMENTO, CA

Project: Help build the California Hub of America's Future.



Franklin Lee

WASHINGTON, DC

Project: Create a safe haven for van-livers, car-livers, and those pursuing alternative mobile housing options.

Sam Moses

ATLANTA, GA

Project: Rise Up Atlanta pairs high schoolers from underprivileged neighborhoods with young professional mentors.



Rebecca Robinson

WASHINGTON, DC

Project: Educate on abusive relationships and provide financial resources for getting out of an abusive relationship.

Matthew Wexler

WASHINGTON, DC

Project: Create a tool for DC arrest record expungement eligibility identification and automated motion filing that completes the process.



TALENT MARKET

LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

Talent Market is proud to call America's Future "home". AF has a rich history and a mission that is complementary to Talent Market: providing the tools and network to create lifelong advocates for freedom. While Talent Market operates independently, Talent Market and AF partner together on mission-aligned projects that advance liberty in countless ways. Together, we are leveraging our work and better serving the free-market movement and the cause of liberty.

230+

**Free-Market
Organizations
Assisted**

80+

**Nonprofit
Executives
Placed**

1,000+

Placements

250+

**Presentations
and Workshops
(Including
More Than
200 Targeted
to Young
Professionals)**

\$15.4M+

**Total Private
Sector Value of
Talent Market's
Placements**

66%

**Are New to the
Free-Market
Movement**

7,400

**Young
Professionals
Reached**



**CLAIRE
KITTLE DIXON**

**Founder and
Executive
Director**
Charleston, SC



**KATY
GAMBELLA**

**Director of
Outreach**
Charlotte, NC



**KATELYNN
BARBOSA**

**Director of Talent
Engagement**
Carpentersville, IL



**STEPHANIE
KEAVENEY**

**Outreach
Manager**
Pittsburgh, PA



**LYDIA
OCAMPO**

**Outreach
Specialist**
Ripon, WI

PODCAST

OUTREACH
INITIATIVES

America's Future's podcast, Brewing Business, launched in 2021 as a platform for young entrepreneurs to share compelling stories of how they rose to the occasion and

advanced their businesses by embracing free-market principles. Business leaders from the baking industry to the non-profit space shared their ideas and visions.

By offering the perspectives of these young entrepreneurs, we seek to provide inspiration and encouragement to others hoping to walk in their footsteps.

Meet the Host

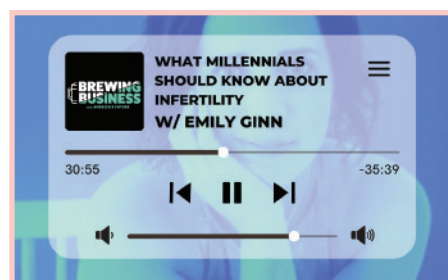
Born and raised in Sacramento, California, with roots planted in Scottsdale, Arizona with his wife, Austin has developed successful businesses, nonprofits and winning political campaigns throughout much of the southwest region of the United States and in two emerging regions of the globe – Eastern Europe and the Middle East. His passion for helping young entrepreneurs and supporting causes close to his heart empowered him to form Jack Development Strategies in 2016 where he supports, invests, and grows emerging ideas in



various local to global industries. Austin's career has evolved dramatically over the greater part of the last decade. Starting his first company fundraising for nonprofit organizations and

political campaigns in Arizona, he has evolved into one of Arizona's most accomplished business and nonprofit leaders.

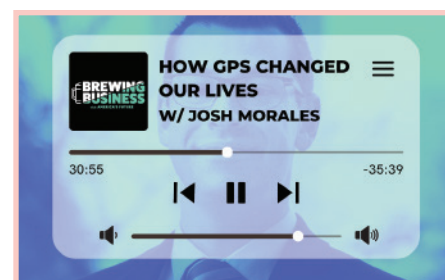
TOP 3 EPISODES OF SEASON 2



Emily is a certified life coach and a masters-level social worker based in Austin, TX.



Harrison is a serial entrepreneur and investor who is passionate about turning ideas into lucrative ventures.



Josh is Co-Founder and CEO at StarNav LLC and has a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

GALA AND AWARDS SHOWCASE

OUTREACH
INITIATIVES



For more than two decades, the AF Annual Gala has been an opportunity for freedom fans and liberty lovers across the country to come together to celebrate and look forward to another exciting year. In

addition to being a wonderful night out on the town, the Gala is also where AF presents our annual awards.

In 2022, our Annual Gala and Awards Showcase was the

most stupendous, most elephantine, most literary Annual Gala yet, featuring the presentation of the Buckley, Writing Fellows, and the brand new Local Leader Awards.



AWARDS

OUTREACH
INITIATIVES



Watch
Kassy's
acceptance
speech



Watch
Garrett's
acceptance
speech



2022 BUCKLEY AWARD WINNERS

The Annual Buckley Awards celebrate the young leaders making strides to advance freedom and prosperity across the country on a national scale.

Kassy Dillon

In 2016, Kassy, feeling politically isolated, decided to create a platform called the Lone Conservative for conservative college students to have a voice and a community. In 2022, now a Daily Wire correspondent, Kassy traveled to the Poland-Ukraine border to hear the stories and voices of war refugees. While that might seem like a massive jump to make in only six years, anyone who knows our 2022 Buckley Award winner knows the drive, passion, and strong belief in the unique opportunities of freedom that made it all possible.

Garrett Ballengee

Garrett helped build the Cardinal Institute from the ground up, assembling a team that has tackled the many challenges that face West Virginia. He has been a leader in seeing West Virginia pass the first school choice legislation in the state's history, becoming the country's 26th Right-to-Work state. All this has been part of Garrett's larger effort to build what he terms the "West Virginia Miracle," an economic turnaround transforming the state into a beacon of prosperity and hope.



2022 RISING STAR AWARD WINNERS

The Rising Star Awards celebrate alumni of the Writing Fellows program who are new in their career and already making waves. These people have meaningfully contributed to advancing the understanding of liberty through print or online journalism.

Katherine Revello

In the fall of 2021, Katherine wasn't afraid to ask well-reasoned questions during a COVID-19 press conference hosted by the Maine CDC. For asking questions that would promote more government transparency, she was banned from attending future press conferences for being an "advocacy journalist". This became a major news story and the Maine CDC was forced to reinstate her. The Goldwater Institute, the Reason Foundation, and the Maine Policy Institute filed an amicus brief to help secure additional support for journalists and used her story as an example. Katherine points to this as a highlight of her career.

Shaun Cammack

In August of 2020, Shaun Cammack was working on a proposal for Ph.D. research in cultural evolution. On the 25th of that same month, a young midwestern man shot four people in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The next day, two very different stories emerged. This divergence of the political narrative was a real-world example of what Shaun was researching. Shaun started the Narratives Project, initially as a blog hosted on Substack. After a few months of experimentation and analyses, the project received funding to scale up into the organization it is today, a non-profit think tank and media organization aimed at reducing political polarization and increasing media literacy in American politics and culture.

2022 LOCAL LEADER AWARD WINNER

The new Local Leader Award celebrates a person who has had a significant impact in their local community.

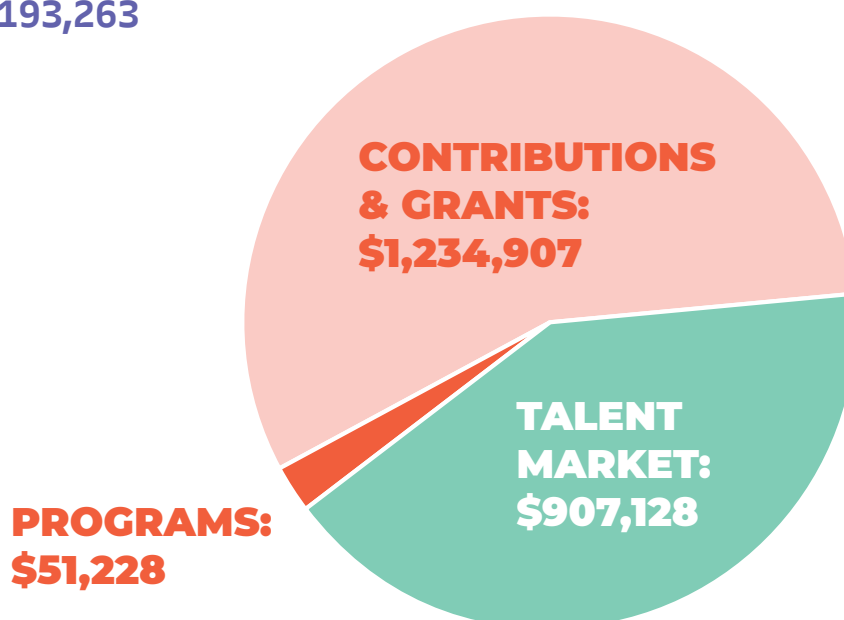
Anthony Spiratos

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Anthony found that delivery was unattainable for most restaurants due to the high fees major apps were charging. In response, Anthony launched Dine Out Life – a competitor to GrubHub and UberEats. Dine Out Life's founding principle is that they are free for restaurants – and always will be! One of our core beliefs here at America's Future is that local individuals have the knowledge, experience, and expertise that can only come from living in and being part of a community. Anthony is a glowing example of that belief, helping his community in a way that only he could! What started as a small start-up serving Newport, RI has expanded into a growing company in the Northeast.

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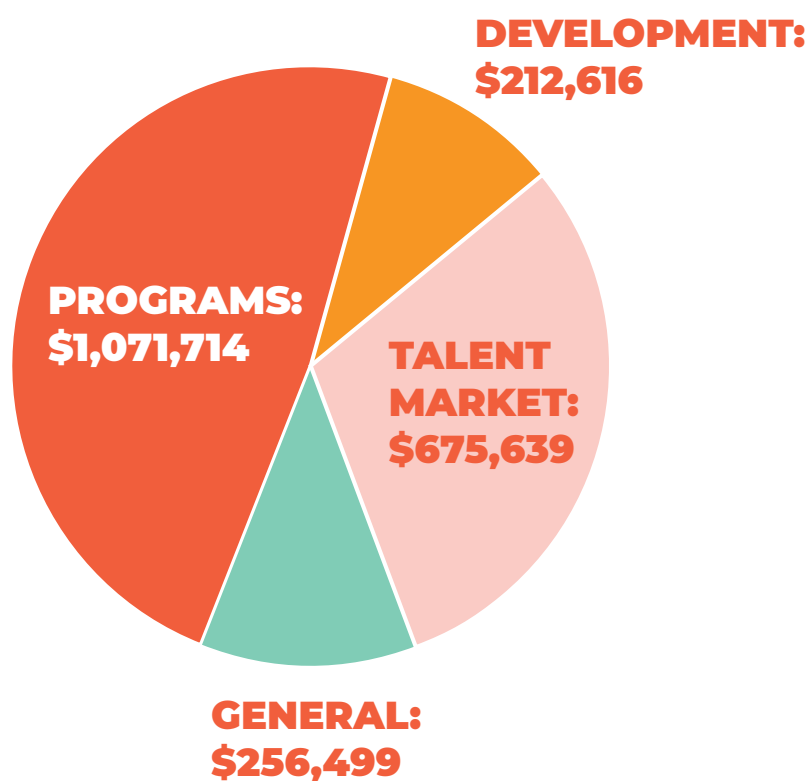
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"AF is a group where I can meet great peers and learn about different topics ranging from regulations on beer manufacturers to limits the state puts on ex-felons in their future career (Free To Care). It is different from any other young professionals group I have been a part of, and thank you to the generous donors for providing this space for so many of us liberty lovers here in Atlanta."

Coleman Williamson

Atlanta, GA
National Member

"AF gave me the community that I wanted but couldn't find after college. Not only is this a great way to connect, but an amazing way to develop career and professional skills, advocate for needed change in my community, and grow as a young leader. I'm so thankful for this organization – it's making such a huge difference in my life, in the life of my friends, and in my community."

Chris West

Raleigh, NC
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"AF has been a spectacular way to network with other young professionals who are passionate about expanding personal freedom in the New England region."

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National Member

"AF helped me establish new relationships with outlet editors that have been instrumental in growing my career and landing me in a job where I can pass bills into law."

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