



Meet Our Fall Policy Intern, Ammad

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Meet Ammad Quraishi, an American-born Pakistani from Fort Lee, NJ, currently pursuing a B.Sc. in Economics, concentrating on political economy, at American University. Originally a student at NYIT on an accelerated track to medical school, he felt it was in his and the greater Muslim and Pakistani communities' best interest for him to pursue his passion of politics and economics. His parents aren't too happy that he broke the mold of being the typical Pakistani studying medicine, but they'll come around soon (insha'Allah).

While at NYIT, Ammad became the youngest muslim elected official

in the United States, serving on the Fort Lee Board of Education, where he oversaw the district's budget, led the implementation of new programs and curriculum; suggested, drafted and approved policies and regulations; and helped set the district on a stable path to educational progress.

Speaking of education, it's a core value to his being, and is central to his decision to intern at MPAC. He not only hopes to gain new knowledge and insight on global and domestic issues pertaining to the Muslim community, but also combine his experience and skills with that knowledge and apply it to help resolve those issues. In his words: At a time where the nation, and the world, is experiencing what appears to be a societal breakdown, it is imperative that we as a people educate ourselves and each other, so as to keep us from being further divided, and hopefully reverse the socially crippling effects of the divisive rhetoric polluting the air today. We should surround ourselves with people of different cultures and religions, and if we cannot do that, we should be wary of the narratives conveyed by sources that may not have a proper understanding of them, and instead find and learn from the sources that do.

After completing his Bachelors in Economics, Ammad intends to complete a Masters, enroll in law school and continue to serve the Muslim community. You can keep up with Ammad through Facebook, <http://facebook.com/AmmadQuraishi>, or follow him on Instagram/Twitter (@AmmadQuraishi), for his witty posts. You could also go old school and shoot him an email: ammad@mpac.org.

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