

# Michaelah Riggins

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## REFERENCES

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Lake Forest High School Educators Rising Chapter Office

October 2023 - Present

- **Chapter Treasurer (2023-2024):** Organized and led fundraising initiatives, including face painting at the LFHS *Haunted Hallways* event.
- **Chapter Vice President (2024-2025):** Increased membership by 25% through community outreach and engagement; contributed to events, including Community nights and I Love Lake Forest Day.
- **Chapter Vice President (2025-2026):** Contributed to 75% overall membership growth over three years; expanded competitive participation and leadership initiatives. Co-led weekly competitor meetings, resulting in 100% placement and 6 top-10 gold qualifiers advancing to nationals. Currently collaborating with officers to increase impact with fundraising and service efforts, and organize a committee to devise a chapter officer guide.

### Delaware Educators Rising State Office — *VP of College & Career Readiness*

March 2025 - February 2026

- Represented Educators Rising through discussions with legislators and other stakeholders about our unique mission and opportunities; volunteered at multicultural events and created culturally inclusive holiday coloring pages for children.
- Co-developed and delivered a Fall Leadership Conference session aligned with our “Access to Action” awareness initiative.
- Invited and Communicated with over 100 volunteers for the Delaware State Leadership Conference; supervised a statewide Work-Based Learning team (virtual and in-person), delegated roles, and resolved issues to ensure smooth conference event management.

### Delaware Educators Rising State Office — *VP of Membership & Programming*

February 2024 - March 2025

In this position I demonstrated competency and passion for the Educators Rising mission, and contributed to initiatives with enthusiasm, dedication, and flexibility.

My key Accomplishments under this position include:

- Connected with middle and high school members at Delaware’s Fall Leadership Conference; co-led leadership building sessions, facilitated an Educators Rising workshop, and strengthened chapter engagement statewide.
- Planned and executed Delaware’s first 100% student-led 2025 State Leadership Conference; secured volunteers, led the service project, and collaborated with members and supporters to assess chapter needs.
- Advocated for Educators Rising by engaging educational stakeholders and legislators at Delaware Legislative Hall, promoting the “Grow Your Own” initiative and strengthening statewide partnerships.

## EDUCATION

### Lake Forest High School

Grade, 12

Anticipated Graduation Date, May 29, 2026

GPA, 4.0

### Advanced Courses

AP U.S. History

Delaware Technical Community

College–Dual Enrollment:

ENG101/EG102, PSY/SOC

Wilmington University Early

College Credit: ECO105

### Central Elementary School

**Student Teacher** (February

2026–May, 2026)

Student-teaching and shadowing in fourth-grade classroom as part of K-12 Teacher Academy

Foundations of Curriculum and

Instruction

## AWARDS AND CERTIFICATION

### Paraprofessional Certified 2026

**Educators Rising Delaware Creative**

Lecture- Silver (2026)

### National FFA Organization

Greenhand Degree (2024)

**National FFA Organization Chapter**

FFA Degree (2025)

## STRENGTHS

Organizational

Restorative

Futuristic

Creative

## EXTRACURRICULAR

FFA (2024–Present)

**Lake Forest School District CTE**

**Ambassador — K-12 Teacher**

*Academy* (2024–present)

**CTE Student Voice Committee**

(January 2025–June 2025)