

# Matthew G. Haase

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## Professional Experience

### **Kansas City University**

*Director, Strategic Relations*

**Kansas City, MO**

*April 2024-Present*

- Provides legislative and strategic updates to faculty, staff, students and the KCU Board of Trustees.
- Engages with various outside groups to build relationships beneficial to the University.
- Serves as a member of the President's Senior Leadership Team and Cabinet.
- Interacts with elected officials to raise awareness of KCU.
- Develops and executes communication strategies to ensure effective information flow and strategic planning while serving as a liaison to the KCU Board of Trustees.

### **University of Missouri - Kansas City**

*Senior Director, External Relations*

**Kansas City, MO**

*Dec. 2021-April 2024*

- Cultivated relationships with elected officials and government agencies at the city, county, state and federal levels to enhance the university.
- Improved internal communication to inform faculty and administration of the political and legislative outlook on the state and federal level to focus priorities.
- Orchestrated campus visits from high-profile officials, including U.S. Transportation Secretary Buttigieg, Governor Parson, Members of Congress, Mayor Lucas, Missouri General Assembly Members, and city and county elected officials.
- Obtained funding through the State of Missouri and the Federal Government for the expansion of the UMKC Medical School and new Dental Clinics on Hospital Hill. To date, \$70M has been secured.
- Raised awareness and obtained funding for the new UMKC Medical School Campus in St. Joseph, MO. \$16M+ has been secured from state and federal funds.

### **United States Senate, Office of Senator Roy Blunt**

*State Director*

*Deputy State Director*

*Kansas City District Office Director*

**Kansas City, MO**

*2018-Dec. 2021*

*2015-2018*

*2011-2015*

- Led Senator Blunt's State Office, overseeing 20+ staff in five offices across Missouri to serve the Senator's 6.1 million constituents, ensuring prompt responsiveness and excellent service.
- Served as a member of Senator Blunt's senior leadership team, advising the Senator on policy and strategic decisions.
- Prioritized, arranged, and directed all state travel for Senator Blunt, including more than 2,500 unique events.
- Represented Senator Blunt at events across the state, delivering effective communication on behalf of the Senator.
- Worked with state and local government leadership to coordinate federal efforts to provide the most impact for Missourians.
- Advised business leaders, community organizations and not-for-profits on legislative priorities.
- Managed requests for grant support from across the state.

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## Major Projects

- o Bannister Federal Complex
  - Worked to secure \$200 million in federal support for the Bannister Federal Complex Redevelopment Project.
- o Kansas City Streetcar Expansion
  - The Kansas City Streetcar received \$188.2 million in federal funds to expand from the Berkley Riverfront to the UMKC Campus.
- o Negro League Baseball Museum Commemorative Coin Act
  - Organized efforts of Sen. Blunt and Cong. Cleaver to pass a bill creating a commemorative coin for the NLBM in Kansas City that raised significant funds for the Museum's operation and continued success.
- o USDA Relocation
  - Worked with the Senator, PortKC and Kansas City business leaders to successfully relocate USDA's NIFA and ERS offices from Washington, DC to downtown Kansas City.
- o Presidential Appointments Process
  - Directed the Presidential appointments process for Senator Blunt's recommendations for regional administrators, federal judges and national executive nominations.

## United States Congress, Office of Congressman Roy Blunt

## Washington, DC

*Senior Legislative Assistant*

2009

*Legislative Assistant*

2006-2008

*Legislative Correspondent*

2005-2006

*Systems Administrator*

2004-2005

*Staff Assistant*

2003-2004

*Intern*

2003

- As Senior Legislative Assistant, advised Congressman Blunt on appropriations, energy, transportation and agriculture.
- Researched, discerned and created talking points, memos and committee statements for the Congressman within the assigned issue areas.
- Managed appropriations requests from Cong. Blunt, including those for the highway bill.
- Collaborated with the Whip Office and district staff on legislative initiatives and projects for Missouri's 7<sup>th</sup> District.
- Obtained Top Secret Security Clearance.

## Skills

- Public Speaking
- Community Relations
- Advocacy
- Professional Writing
- Research and Analytical Thinking
- Project Management

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## Community Engagement

- 16th Circuit Judicial Commission, Appointed by Gov. Parson, April 2023 - December 2024
- Local Investment Commission (LINC), Commissioner, May 2023 - Present
- Greater KC Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program, Class of 2025
- Plaza (KC) Breakfast Club, Board of Directors, 2019-2021, Member, 2017 – Present

## Education

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO

- Bachelor of Science in Economics, December 2003