



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS NETWORK (GRN)

An Office of Institutional Relations Program



Miami University

“How Government can impact an individual and how an individual can impact Government”.



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GOALS

- Empower students to become engaged citizens.
 - use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our global society.
- Serve as a career exploration portal for students and alumni .
 - to learn about politics, public service, media relations, and advocacy.
- Provide opportunities for students, alumni and friends to be engaged in networking, advocating, and service to the University.
 - To ensure success for Miami's next century.
- Be recognized as a national model for advocating the importance of public higher education.
 - Communicate Miami's unique role as high quality institution whose graduates actively transform the world.



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Student Organizations

- Associated Student Government
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Student Credit Union



University Partners

- Office of Career Services
- Office of Residence Life
- Division of Student Affairs
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Parents' Council
- University Libraries





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Governmental Relations, LLC



Beginning Fall 2009



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Advocacy Opportunities

1) Conferences: Exploring Federal Government

- 2008 Spring Break (20 Students)
- 2008 Informational Workshop (4 Seniors)
- 2008 Sun Yat-sen Business Summit
 - (Chinese Student Ambassadors)
- 2008 Fall (20 Students)
- 2009 Spring Break (20 Students)

Washington, D.C.



2) Conferences: Exploring State Government

- 2008 Associated Student Government Leadership Summit
- 2009 Spring Break (20 Students)
- Statehouse Advocacy Day (*12 Students*)

Columbus, OH



3) Internships: INR Office



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Website

The screenshot shows the website for the Government Relations Network. At the top, a red navigation bar contains the following links: [About Us](#), [Join Us](#), [Find Your District Official](#), [Login](#), and [Admin](#). On the left side, there is a large red 'M' logo with the text 'Miami University Home Page' below it. The main heading reads 'Government Relations Network' followed by 'An Office of Institutional Relations Program'. Below the heading is a photograph of two men in a laboratory setting, one pointing at a piece of equipment. To the left of the photo, an orange box contains the address: '222 Roubush Hall', 'Miami University', 'Oxford, OH 45056', and '513-529-7239'. Below the photo, there are two links: [Email Us!](#) (with an envelope icon) and [View the Staff](#). At the bottom, a red navigation bar contains the following links: [Public Officials](#), [Legislation](#), [News](#), [Resource Library](#), [Calendar](#), and [Briefing Materials](#). On the far left, there is a vertical list of links: [Campuses](#), [University Links](#), [University News](#), and [Local Links](#).



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Objective: Maintain ongoing relationships with public officials at the state, federal, and local levels; pursue legislation and policies beneficial to Miami University, the state of Ohio, and the nation; strategically position Miami University on key issues affecting higher education and the state of Ohio; and provides research to support effective policy-making at the state, federal, and local levels.



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