



Alumni Spotlight

Aaron Sanders '12



As a **2012 alumnus** from Millersville University, **Aaron Sanders** has quickly made an impact in the world of government and politics. Sanders was recently appointed as the public policy director at the Association for a Better New York non-profit. In his new position, his responsibilities include advancing the public policy goals of the organization at the city and state level in both the public and private sectors.

Sanders graduated with a government and political affairs degree. Now as the public policy director, Sanders says, the role is important to him because “It may encourage other minorities to consider a career in public policy and help better the world.” Before beginning his career, Sanders earned a master's degree in political science from Villanova University. He then started his career at the

Department of Justice in Philadelphia. From there, he moved to New York City to work at Rikers Island with the Youth Justice Network to provide educational support and aid in gang prevention. Sanders wanted to take his experience to the next level when he began lobbying in New York City for LGBTQIA rights. His last role before the appointment was as the associate director of Advocacy and Policy for the Natural Areas Conservancy. Here Sanders secured funding to protect New York City parks.

When looking back at his time at Millersville University, Sanders looked for advice from “well-meaning professionals” including Drs. Richard Glenn, Nivedita Bagchi and Aaron C. Porter. He says, “My experiences with instructors advanced my interest and translated to my passion to lead me to where I am now.”