

# John Koblan

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Motivated and creative film student pursuing a career in production with a focus on directing. Personable and empathetic to diverse viewpoints, with demonstrated teamwork and collaboration skills. Strong communication, writing, and analytical skills. Determined and passionate filmmaker, blending production experience with in-depth study and involvement in government and politics.

- Directed independent short film “Battle for the Republic”, screened at 2024 Fencesitter Film Festival.
- Experience directing documentaries and narrative films and collaborating on production teams.
- Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, Blackmagic, and Cannon DSLR cameras, tripod, and light setup.

## EDUCATION:

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*Certificate in Digital Video Production* Anticipated 2026  
Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC), Branchburg, New Jersey

- *Coursework:* Advanced Video Editing, Light, Optics and Lighting, Advanced Video Production: Narrative and Documentary, Writing for the Media, Art of the Media

*Production Assistant Bootcamp, RVCC* 2024

- Intensive hands-on, two-day training taught by production professionals covering set etiquette, reading of call sheets, communicating on radios, and production terms

*Certificate in Business & Management of Entertainment, UCLA Extension* 2022

*Bachelor of Arts, Government & International Politics, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia* 2010

## FILM INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE & PROJECTS:

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*Independent Project | RVCC* 2026- present

- Creating a 30- 60 minute a documentary exploring policy solutions to the homeless population in New Brunswick, NJ

*Volunteer Videographer | Shanel Robinson for Congress | Location* 2026 – present

- Assist congressional campaign by creating multi-media content with iPhone or a Canon DSLR.

*Director, Battle for the Republic | Independent Film* Spring 2025

- Created a short, thought-provoking documentary film; honored with screening at local film festival.

*Production Assistant, Missed Connection | RVCC Student Film* Fall 2025

- Supported production of student film; utilized Blackmagic camera. My role consisted of setting up equipment like the camera, tripod, and lights.

*Volunteer, Bernardsville Film Festival, Bernardsville, New Jersey* Spring 2024

- Provided event support during a multi-day film festival, checking in film directors.

*Talent Management Intern, CK Talent, Remote* 2018-2019

- Managed a roster of actors, reviewed audition tapes, and proactively followed up with casting directors.

## Civic Engagement

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- Currently serving as a Bedminster NJ Democrats District Representative (March 2026 – present)
- Selected as White House Summer intern, Obama’s Office of Presidential Correspondence, Washington DC
- Substitute Teacher for local NJ schools (2013-present)