



# Philipp Grimm

A native of Baie d'Urfé, Philipp graduated from John Abbott in 2007 with a diploma in Honours Science. Success in education continued with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard in 2012 and a Master of Science degree in Applied Math and Statistics from Georgetown in 2019.

Philipp was very active as a student at John Abbott:

- SUJAC (Student Union) Vice-President, Academics
- Member of the Foundation Board of Directors
- Three times on the John Abbott Academic Honour Roll
- Member of the Academic Council
- Delivered a student-focused address to participants of the 2007 John Abbott College Foundation golf tournament
- Initiated the student referendum which voted to support the capital campaign through which the students contributed \$500,000 in support of the construction of the new science building (named the Anne-Marie Edward Science building in 2013).
- The only male student to be awarded the Anne-Marie Edward Scholarship since its creation in 1992.

Through and beyond his academic achievements south of the border, Philipp opted to remain in the United States and pursue a career within the operations of the American federal government. He began in 2008 as a member of the Obama election campaign and subsequently the 2008-2009 Presidential Transition Team. During his university years, Philipp jumped at the opportunity to intern at the White House, the New York City Mayor's Office and the U.S. State Department's Mission to the European Union.

After graduating from Harvard, he moved to Washington D.C. to become an analyst and research assistant at the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In 2015, Philipp became an economist in the U.S. Treasury Department and was responsible for crafting international trade sanctions. It was during this period that he completed his Master's degree at Georgetown at night.

His rather full life at the Treasury Department led to his role as foreign affairs advisor to Treasury Secretaries across two administrations from 2019-2021 (Steven Mnuchin, Janet Yellen). He then chose to leave government life and become an engineer with Palantir Technologies, a software company supporting public sector/defence missions.

Philipp places high value on his experiences at John Abbott and the role they played in laying the groundwork for his future success. He remembers the opportunity *"to speak at the naming ceremony of the Anne-Marie Edward Science building as one of the most meaningful experiences of my life".*

A supporter of his nomination offered these thoughts: *"His character and values could not be more evident than when, in 2013, Philipp learned that preparations were underway to name the new Science building...Philipp stepped up to be a part of that emotional day...he wooed the audience with his words, sharing his vision for a safer world and the importance of the perspective he gained while attending John Abbott College."*