



James Whipple

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I am James Whipple. I am a new generation for a new deal. I am running for city council.

I was born in the Walter Reed Medical Center on March 8, 1993 to a father who devoted his life to the army and an immigrant Filipino mother who worked around the clock for her children. The household was poor; we were barely able to keep up with bills and it seemed like an emergency was just around the corner waiting to drain any savings we could scrounge up.

Growing up in a low-income household I had no delusions about going to college. I knew it was important, but I also knew that we could not afford it. But, with great effort, I was able to not only be accepted to University of Maryland, College Park in their engineering program; I was offered a full scholarship through the Incentive Awards Program (IAP). I graduated from UMCP in 2015 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and a minor in international engineering.

While I was in college, the IAP enabled their scholars to become more connected to their communities through volunteer efforts. After the first year I volunteered to be on a committee to organize, plan and track these outreach efforts, with particular interest in assisting smaller organizations.

After college I worked as an engineer for a small engineering contractor that mostly does work for the U.S. Postal Service. I gained a reputation for being an honest and earnest worker, willing to do whatever it took to get the job done right while being fully transparent. In 2021, I joined the NIST Center for Neutron Research where I work as an electronics engineer supporting the research reactor that services most of our nation's neutron research. I also volunteer some of my time with the Incentive Awards Program and the NIST mentoring program.

I purchased a house in GHI in 2022, settling down permanently here with my wife. I successfully ran for the GHI Board of Directors in the same year I moved in. I've worked to find consensus on difficult problems that face our housing cooperative, and I've championed the effort for alternative revenue streams for GHI. I am still on the board of directors for GHI, and intend to fulfill my commitment to GHI if elected to city council.