

Connect The Dots: Jason Botel

Senior Education Official

Jason Botel came to the Trump administration as a senior education advisor in the White House and is now working at the Department of Education.



1997

Graduated from U Penn

TEACHFOR AMERICA

1997 – 2000 | TEACH FOR AMERICA

- Taught at Baltimore's Booker T. Washington Middle School for three years.

KIPP:

CORDISH FAMILY FOUNDATION

2001 – 2013 | KIPP BALTIMORE

- Attended KIPP National School Leadership training.
- Launched Baltimore's KIPP Ujima Village Academy in 2002.
- Opened a KIPP elementary school in 2009.
- As executive director of KIPP Baltimore, clashed with the Baltimore Teachers' Union over teacher pay and extended school day.

Cordish Family Foundation has donated to KIPP Baltimore

2013 – 2016 | MARYLANDCAN

- Founded and became executive director of the education research and advocacy group.
- Launched a principal peer mentoring program in Baltimore.
- Worked with Republican Gov. Larry Hogan on legislation expanding the number of Maryland charter schools.
- Voiced support for the Common Core standards and social justice for African-American students.

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Political Contributions

A registered Democrat, Botel has contributed to Democrats and one Republican over the past decade.

- \$200 - Obama Victory Fund in 2008.
- \$30 - Democrat Anthony Brown's unsuccessful bid for Maryland governor in 2014.
- \$25 - Republican Andrew Smarick's unsuccessful bid for state delegate in 2006.
- \$25 each to a variety of Maryland Democrats running for state and local offices.



Ivanka & Jared

Recommended by Ivanka Trump, whose close college friend, Margaret Katz, is married to Reed Cordish, a Baltimore developer, friend of Jared Kushner and White House advisor.

