

2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

C O R Y F R I T Z

GRADUATED: 2004

RESIDES: WASHINGTON, DC

A 2004 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School, Cory was a member of the Track and Cross Country teams, including the 2003 Varsity Boys team that finished 11th in the OHSAA Cross Country State Finals. Cory was also active in National Honor Society, Varsity L and Yearbook, and represented GLHS at Buckeye Boys State. These experiences, as well as GLHS' AP Journalism, History, and



Government courses, prepared Cory for success at Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism and service to Ohio and the country in Washington, D.C.

While at OU, Cory served as President of the Men's Crew Team, a member of the Club Sports Executive Council, and worked on the campus staff of the Athens News. He also completed two summer internships in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich (OH) before graduating early with honors in 2007 to accept a full-time position in his office.

From 2007-2009, Cory served in several roles in the Senator's office, including Speechwriter and Assistant Press Secretary. Following Voinovich's retirement announcement in 2009, Cory joined then House Minority Leader John Boehner's (OH) congressional office and was part of a team that helped Republicans win 63 seats and a new House majority in the 2010 elections. The historic victory made Boehner the first Speaker from Ohio since 1931.

Cory was with Boehner from his first day as Speaker to his last, working as Political Communications Director and then Press Secretary for the White House press corps. During this time, Cory helped shape and drive the Speaker and House Republicans' messaging on efforts to spur economic growth, address the drivers of U.S. debt, reform Congress, and keep America safe. As a spokesman for the Speaker, Cory was regularly quoted in national

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media including the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times and helped prepare the Speaker for weekly media appearances and prominent interviews including CBS's 60 Minutes.

Following Boehner's retirement, Cory was tapped by Chairman Ed Royce (CA) to serve as Deputy Staff Director for Communications at the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Chairman's senior staff and leads the committee's press team in promoting efforts to advance freedom, security, human rights and open markets both at home and abroad. He has participated in delegations to Tunisia, Jordan and Iraq focused on the fight against ISIS. In Jan. 2016, Cory helped Chairman Royce lead a delegation to Ethiopia, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo that later returned over 150 adopted children to the U.S. stuck in a bureaucratic chokehold in the DRC.

Cory lives on Capitol Hill with his wife, Sarah, a Miami University graduate and Hudson, Ohio, native.