



Lauren Cristella
Recipient of the 2025
Women for Greater Philadelphia - ALMA JACOBS AWARD

Lauren Cristella has a passion for active citizenship, strong public leadership and practical policy-making. In 2018, Lauren began her career at the Committee of Seventy, (C70) as the Chief Program Officer, and in June 2023, she was named President & CEO, the first woman to serve in that role in the organization's 120-year history.

Lauren has been named to the steering committee of Innovate Chester County, an initiative to generate ideas from the public to explore new ways to tackle challenges in Chester County. She also serves on the Philadelphia Bar Association's Judicial Commission. Under Lauren's leadership, the C70 received the American Bar Association's Unsung Heroes of Democracy Award in 2024. Lauren was also recently recognized as the 2024 Rad Girl Nonprofit Leader of the Year.

Lauren has previously served as the President of the League of Women Voters of Philadelphia, where she focused on rebuilding the organization and equipping volunteers to have a positive impact on elections at the grassroots level.

Prior to joining C70, Lauren was the Director of Student Affairs & Strategic Operations at Penn's Fels Institute of Government. She spent seven years ensuring that students had excellent internships and job prospects in government, nonprofits, and private firms that serve the public interest. Before joining Fels, Lauren spent five fun years at the National Constitution Center. Lauren received her bachelor's degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she majored in politics, and interned at the International Center for Terrorism Studies. She went on to receive her master's degree from the University of Essex in Colchester, England in Ethics, Politics and Public Policy.