

Up & Comers Travis Wattie



- **Age:** 27
- **Birthplace:** Plattsburgh, Clinton County
- **Residence:** Ballston Spa
- **Family:** Wife, Carrie; son, Evan, 19 months
- **New title/company:** Assistant director, public policy and communications, New York State Association of Health Care Providers Inc., East Greenbush
- **Responsibilities:** Direct state and federal public policy initiatives on behalf of HCP, including legislative and regulatory advocacy
- **Old title/company:** Senior press coordinator, New York State Assembly Minority Conference
- **Education:** B.A., public policy, University at Albany; master's degree in public administration, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy
- **Community service/pastimes:** Playing guitar and drums in my church's band. I get my political fix by serving on the town of Milton GOP executive board. I also relax doing home improvements, yard work, golfing, and

boating. Most of all, I enjoy spending time with my wife and son.

■ **Dream job in 10 years:** I truly enjoy advocacy work and politics.

■ **Favorite gadget for work:** 1G thumb drive — it is great to carry computer files when traveling or working from home.

■ **Best vacation ever:** Growing up, I spent a lot of time on Lake Champlain. The best trip I ever took was piloting my family's boat north through the Richelieu River, into the St. Lawrence River and onto Old Port Montreal, staying at different marinas along the way.

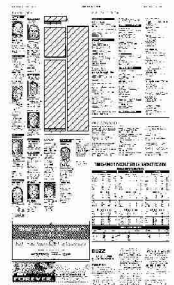
■ **Most challenging assignment:** Just days after starting at HCP, I was asked to develop and coordinate a special publication to run in an Albany weekly legislative newspaper. Under my direction, a 20-page supplement in support of home and community-based care was developed that included 10 pages of content and over \$23,000 of advertising.

■ **Career tip:** I believe that honesty, strong morals and hard work are the keys to success.

■ **Pet peeve:** I would say when people are late, but now that I'm a father, it always seems I'm the one that's late.

■ **Most memorable book:** "Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies," by James Collins and Jerry Porras

■ **What historical figure would you take to lunch?** Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy and Girl Scout movement. I would ask him how, as a society, can we further instill values and principles of the Scouts in today's youth.



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