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As the Vice President of Government Affairs, Lauren advocates on behalf of student veterans, their families, and military-connected students to empower them to, through, and beyond higher education. Since joining the team in 2018, she has helped champion several legislative and regulatory changes in support of SVA's mission.

She previously worked as a senior legislative associate for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, a legislative representative for the American Federation of Government Employees, and the director of government relations for Got Your 6. In these positions she advocated on behalf of veterans, their families, and the services and benefits provided by the VA and Department of Defense. A veteran of the U.S. Army, she served as an unmanned aircraft systems operator with the First Infantry Division.

In recognition of her advocacy work, Lauren was named a Top Lobbyist by The Hill in 2018 and 2019, a HillVets Top 100 Veteran in 2015 and 2019, and was awarded the Excellence in Advocacy by An Up and Coming Practitioner award from the Women in Professional Advocacy in 2016. She was a 2019 George W. Bush Stand-To Veteran Leadership Scholar. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Tech and is currently pursuing a Master's in Policy Management at Georgetown University. Lauren and her husband, Charles, also own Revolutionary Fitness in Old Town Alexandria where they live their dogs and cat.