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Lauren Jones serves as the Massachusetts Director for Apprenti, a growing national non-profit that works with companies to close and diversify the tech talent gap. Apprenti's innovative hiring solution bridges untapped, diverse talent to in-demand tech jobs through an apprenticeship model. As the Massachusetts Director, Lauren oversees the expansion of Apprenti, leads business development, and serves as the local leader for stakeholder engagement in Massachusetts.

Lauren's 15 years of professional experience spans local and state government as well as the private and non-profit sectors with a focus especially on economic development, workforce development, communications, and business marketing. Prior to joining Apprenti, Lauren spearheaded partner programming for HUBweek's 2018 innovation festival, managing collaborative events and initiatives with over 200 companies. During her time in local government, Lauren created and led the Business Strategy Unit for the Mayor's Office of Economic Development in the City of Boston, supporting business attraction and engagement with companies like General Electric, Amazon, Reebok, ASICS, and more. She also oversaw the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program including recruitment of approximately 40 new companies annually to provide youth summer employment. While working in state government, Lauren held multiple roles for Governor Deval Patrick's Administration including policy and communications for the Lt. Governor as well as program management in the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

While at Providence College, Lauren was a Political Science major and worked as a Research Assistant for now-retired Dr. Jim Carlson. Lauren was a MLK Scholar, and active with the Board of Programmers on campus. Lauren holds a BA from Providence College and a MPA from Northeastern University.

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