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"I am thrilled with my placement in Senator Bennet's office," Badon says. "I look forward to learning from a policy team that has accumulated decades of legislative and executive experience while I advise on agricultural policies."

Badon received a Ph.D. in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences from Virginia Tech. After completing his Ph.D., he was hired as a USDA-ARS Post-Doc in the National Sedimentation Laboratory, Oxford, MS, but his position was eliminated prior to his start date due to federal workforce cuts earlier this year.

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