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An Army veteran, Mr. Garsson earned a bachelor of arts in history from the University of Virginia and a master of arts in political science from Rutgers University.

