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Representative Rui Xu District 25 House Minority Policy Chair Kansas House of Representatives

Xu was born in Switzerland in 1989 to Chinese graduate students pursuing their PhDs before moving to the United States when he was two years old. He spent his childhood in the town of Rolla, Missouri, where he became a naturalized US citizen at the age of 12.

After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in economics, he got married and moved to Kansas City to pursue a career in sports analytics. He was a performance analyst with Sporting Kansas City for over 3 years, before becoming a marketing analyst with MMGY Global, a travel and hospitality marketing agency.

Later on, he worked as a marketing operations analyst at Children International, one of the area's largest non-profits, which supports over 200,000 children around the world. In 2018, Xu chose to run for state representative and was elected for the first time. In his time in the legislature, Xu has served on Financial Institutions and Pensions, Education, Higher Education Budget, and the Agriculture committee. He has been proud to take a lead on environmental issues in the House, introducing bills on addressing climate change, incentivizing carbon farming, and protecting pollinators at solar sites.

He also volunteers his time on the Literacy KC marketing board, helping low-literacy adults in the area improve their reading skills.

