# Delainie Nichols

**miss.delainie.htx@gmail.com** | delainienichols.com | Houston, TX

## Objective
___

Talented high school senior with a passion for languages, technology, and programming.

## Education
___

**Texas Academy for Intellectual Curiosity and Academic Mastery, Houston TX**

**GPA:** 4.0

**ACT Taken**: October 18, 2025

**Awards/Honors:** Salutatorian of 2022-2023 Chinese Class, One World Now! Star Storyteller, American Red Cross Rising Star Volunteer, Nuts N' Bolts Award Winner, Bronze Service Pin (250+ Hours of Service) Winner, Valedictorian of Fall 2023 Semester Chinese Class, Congressional Awards 2026 Gold Medalist, Silver and Bronze Medal Recipient, Ferring STEM Star Recipient

___

## Activities and Volunteer Experience
___

**One World Now!, Seattle, Washington (June 2022 - Present)**
Peer Tutor, February 2024 – Present
- Assists fellow students in their language learning journey
- Improves language learning outcomes for students in their classes

One World Now! Fundraising Campaign Star Storyteller November 2023
Pod Leader, September 2023 – Present
- Leads group activities and discussion in breakout sessions
- Involved with the planning and facilitation of program-wide events for 100+ participants
- Created media projects for OWN's Get Global! Event
- Led the creation and facilitation of a leadership workshop for Get Global!

Student Family Advisory Board Member, April 2023 – Present
- Advises program leadership on the implementation of new ideas
- Contributes to group discussions about improving student programming

Korean and Leadership Student (June 2022 – Present)

**American Red Cross, Texas Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas (January 2023 - Present)**
2026 Red Cross Nuts N' Bolts Award and Bronze Service Pin (250+ Hours of Service) Winner
National InfoSec Awareness Cybersecurity Champion, July 2025 – Present
- Champions importance of cybersecurity awareness within the organization
- Leads by example to foster a culture where security mindfulness is second nature

- Regularly communicate key cybersecurity messages, training opportunities, updates, and other content provided by InfoSec Training & Awareness through departmental, regional, service area communication channels.
- Engages all workforce personnel though localized training tailored to the audience needs
- Provides feedback to divisional champions to assist in the cybersecurity champion program annual review

Administrative Support, September 2024 – Present
- Supports administrative needs of the Engagement Specialist
- Runs weekly and monthly reports
- Monitors/manages volunteer email system
- Assisted in creating presentations for Youth Services

Volunteer Services Engagement Communicator, September 2024 – Present
- Supports the Regional Volunteer Services Department
- Engages volunteers serving the Texas Gulf Coast Region
- Updates shift calendar and regional weekly newsletter
- Serves as a resource in communicating opportunities and messaging to volunteers across all lines of service

2024 Red Cross Rising Star Award Winner

Leadership Development Conferences Attended: June 2023 - 2025
- Participated in leadership exercises and activities in an all-day event
- Opportunity to fellowship with like-minded youth committed to the Red Cross mission

Youth Engagement Team Member, January 2023 – Present
- Completed various assigned youth engagement projects
- Engaged 50+ youth volunteers across the region through email outreach
- Facilitated orientation sessions four times each month for dozens of youth volunteers

**Congressional Awards Program (June 2023 - Present)**
- Class of 2026 Gold Medalist
- Silver and Bronze Medalist
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Certificate Recipient
- Ferring STEM Star Recipient

**National Cybersecurity Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado (June 2023)**
Air Force Association's Cyber Patriot Cyber Camp
- Learned how to use threat monitoring tools for Windows and command-line tools for Ubuntu security
- Participated in the 2023 Cyber Patriot Competition

**Tamkang University, Taipei, Taiwan (July 2023 – August 2023 and July 2024 – August 2024)**
6-week Intensive Chinese Enhancement Program
- Studied intensive Chinese
- Significantly improved speaking and comprehension skills
- Immersed in Chinese and Taiwanese culture

**Kaminari Taiko of Houston (February 2024 - Present)**

Taiko Performer
- Thunderstudies Apprentice Performance Group, November 2024 – Present
- Beginner Taiko Member, March 2024 – November 2024
- Junior Taiko Member, February 2024 – March 2024

**Texas A&M (March 2024)**
Summer Computing Academy GenCyber Camp: Spring Edition
- Learned the Confidentiality Integrity and Availability (CIA) Triad security model
- Gained an understanding of the internet and networking
- Honed Python skills by completing various exercises

**Girls Talk Tech, ConocoPhillips, Houston, Texas (June 2024)**
6-day IT Summer Program
- Developed new technical skills through real-world deliverables across multiple domains
- Learned powerful tools and techniques to build an effective resumé
- Developed and refined communication skills

**Girls Who Code (July 2024 – August 2024)**
6-week Tech Exploration Program
- Selected out of thousands of applicants
- Further developed fundamental web development skills with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- Learned the foundations of cybersecurity and created a cryptography program with Python
- Learned the basics of data science with Python

**Purdue University (Fall 2024 & Spring 2025)**
DOiT Summer Program, March 2025
- Learned about different career paths in STEM
- Networked with alumni and graduate students
WOWiT Summer Program, September 2024
- Learned about different career paths in STEM
- Networked with alumni and graduate students

**National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025)**
NCUR 2025
- Abstract Accepted for Oral Presentation
- Presented Research: Examining Cybersecurity Challenges in K-12 Schools (Fall 2024)

**KidsCSI (Kids Cyber Safety Information) (October 2024 - Present)**
Passion Project **(kidscsi.com)**
- Internet safety presentation for grades 3-5
- Teaches importance of internet safety
- Discusses 5 topics of internet safety
- Created website, animated videos, bookmarks, worksheets, and presentation slides
- Outreached to local and out of state libraries

- Presented to kids in the community

## Skills
_____

- Languages: Chinese (Upper-Intermediate), Japanese (Lower-Intermediate), Korean (Beginner)
- Applications: Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Canva, Splunk, PowerBI
- Certifications: CompTIA ITF+, A+
- Programming Languages: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Java

## Hobbies
_____

- Piano and Guitar
- Reading Fiction
- Traditional sketching and digital art
- Gardening
- Horseback riding
- Ziplining
- Tennis