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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 Award Winner, Valedictorian of Fall 2023 Semester Chinese Class, Congressional Awards Prospective 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
- Lead 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)

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 through 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 Prospective Gold Medalist (Pending Gold Medal Committee Review)
- 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)

Six-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