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Education

Cornell University

Bachelor of Environmental Engineering

Ithaca, NY, United States

August 2024 - present

- Cumulative GPA: 3.14
- Relevant coursework: Multivariable calculus, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Biology, Computer Science

London School of Economics

Summer School

Microeconomics

London, UK

- Grade: A-

June 2025 - July 2025

Lycée Français

San Francisco, CA, United States

March 2022 - June 2022

- A-level: Physics, Chemistry, Economics, History, Geography, French, Biology
- Participated in “Startup Lycee” and placed 3rd overall, proposing a wellness app.

Stanislas Nice, high school

Nice, France

September 2014 - June 2024

- French Baccalaureate “Mention Très Bien” with 17.4/20 average score
- A-level: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, French, Biology

Employment

Sailing coaching

Cannes, France

Yacht Club de Cannes

Summer 2023-2024

- Coached children (5 to 8-year-olds) in Optimist, ensuring both safety and progress on the water.
- Developed creative sailing strategy activities during poor weather conditions to maintain engagement and strengthen group cohesion.

Matter of Trust

San Francisco, United States

Internship in the eco home

May 2022 - June 2022

- Researched water pollution impact and contributed to developing oil-absorbing hair-based mattresses for environmental protection.

- Collaborated with the Matter of Trust administration team to provide feedback and discuss the conceptualization and implementation.
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Extra-curricular activities

High-level athlete for Sailing

Cornell university D1 sailing (Freshman Year):

- Runner-up at the single-handed intercollegiate nationals championship
- Second Team All-Maisa
- Rookie of the Year nominee

French ILCA 6 competitor:

- 2024: 12th at the U19 Women's European championship. Participated in the U21 European Championship.
 - 2023: 4th at Women's U19 world championships (Volos). 6th at Women's U19 European championship (Cadiz)
 - 2022: U18 Women's French national champion. U18 Women's North American Champion.
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Interests

- Design and sustainability innovation
 - Travel and cross-cultural exchange
 - Photography
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Skills

Adaptability

- Adjusting work methods and strategies in response to rapidly changing environments and shifting priorities.

Group coordination

- Experienced in fostering teamwork and supporting collective goals in athletic and academic contexts.
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Languages

French, Italian: Native

English: near-native