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EDUCATION

Shanghai Starriver Bilingual School, Shanghai, China

Sept 2013 – Jun 2025

- P GPA: 4.814, ACT: 36, TOEFL: 117
- Scored a 5 on the following AP exams: Physics 1, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics 2, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, English Literature & Composition, English Language & Composition, World History, European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government & Politics, Seminar, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics

Summer Science Program @ GCSU, Milledgeville, GA

Jun 2024 - Jul 2024

Researched asteroid orbital determination; published on Minor Planet Circulars; presented findings on Saturn's influence on orbital periodicity

Pioneer Research Program - Relativity and Cosmology, Online

Feb 2024 - Jul 2024

Researched the feasibility of black hole energy extraction through the Penrose Process to address the energy crisis; received letter grade A

Astronomy Research @ SJTU, Shanghai, China

Oct 2023 – Present

Investigated the simulation of gravitational lensing and calculation of cosmic shears

Stanford Summer Humanities Institute, Palo Alto, CA

Jul 2023 – Jul 2023

> Culminated in an essay on how Marquez grants Macondo, and by extension Latin America, a chance to combat solitude through creating a common identity

Pioneer Research Program - Genders, Sexualities, and Race, Online

Feb 2023 – Jul 2023

Examined characterization and romance in Danmei, a popular type of Chinese bromance fiction; received letter grade A

HONORS & AWARDS

- ➤ Dartmouth Book Award (2024)
- ➤ High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Finalist (2024)
- > Invention Convention China Shanghai, Gold (2023)
- ➤ John Locke Competition Theology Shortlist (2023)

EXTRA-CURRICULUM

Founder, Invention Garage

July 2023 - Present

> Spearheaded 10+ DIY experiments workshops; taught astrophotography; designed and tutored "Re-inventing Physics" course intended for elementary school students at governmental summer program

Editor-in-chief, Echo Magazine

Sept 2023 - Present

Produced the sixth issue with 20+ essays; launched first alumni call for submissions; built site for free access to archived issues.

Co-founder, The Geist Podcast

Sept 2023 - Present

Provided platform for conversations outside the classroom; produced 10+ episodes on WeChat Official account; inspired the school's Talk with Teachers Podcast.

Section Leader, Shanghai Youth Choir

Sept 2018 - Present

Led section practices; won Gold in Musica Sacra & Folklore a cappella (2019 European Choir Games); joined 20+ performances with 200+ audience each.