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EDUCATION

JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY
DOUBLE DEGREE
WALTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

B.S. major in Economics
B.B.A. major in Data Analytics
Minor in Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Expected graduation May, 2026
Siloam Springs, AR, U.S

CHARLES UNIVERSITY, PRAGUE CZECHIA
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM
THE FUND OF AMERICAN STUDIES

Three-week academic program based on political philosophy, political economy, and conflict management. Accredited through Charles University.
July 13th - August 3rd, 2024 | Prague, Czech Republic

ACADEMIC RESEARCH & FELLOWSHIPS

Research Presenter - Global Awareness Society International (GASI)
Hot Springs, AR | May 2025

- Presented original research analyzing the correlation between security policies, GDP growth, and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in El Salvador.
- Quantified how the dismantling of gang-imposed mobility barriers directly catalyzed a 36% surge in formal employment and a 40% increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- Critically assessed the security-development nexus, highlighting the long-term fiscal risks and human capital loss associated with mass incarceration.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE (AEI) – Summer Honors Program

The American Dream Is Not Dead: Principles & Practices of Democratic Capitalism | Washington, D.C. | June 2–6, 2025

- Studied U.S. labor markets, inequality, and mobility with Dr. Michael R. Strain, Director of Economic Policy Studies at AEI, including an in-depth discussion of his book The American Dream Is Not Dead: (But Populism Could Kill It).
- Explored empirical evidence on wages, opportunity, and generational prosperity, and analyzed how these debates shape contemporary U.S. economic policy.

PARTICIPANT - FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION (FEE) SEMINAR SERIES

Florida Atlantic University Scholar & Speech Competition Winner | July 2025

- Selected for the advanced "Abundance: Theory, Policy, & Practice" seminar.
- Analyzed bottlenecks in keystone sectors to understand how institutional reform catalyzes global prosperity.
- Won the seminar speech competition with a presentation titled "Abundance: What supports it? What stops it?", articulating how institutional fragility stifles economic mobility in Central America.

GLOBAL YOUTH ADVOCACY & STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

FOUNDER & PROJECT LEAD – ACCESO A OPORTUNIDADES PARA SUPERARSE (AOS)
El Salvador | 2020 – Present

- Directing a youth-led organization advancing SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) through leadership and literacy programs for rural youth.
- Lead English in Action, benefiting 300+ students in 6 public schools with 30+ youth volunteers.
- Secured Global Changemakers funding to expand access to language learning and civic leadership.
- Successfully advocated with municipal authorities and school directors to unlock Saturday campus access for 6 public schools, to enable weekend educational programming for 160+ students in 2024.

YOUTH DELEGATE – SECOND WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (UNITED NATIONS)

Doha, Qatar | Nov 2025

- Represented AOS, a youth-led grassroots organization from El Salvador, at a high-level UN summit convening world leaders, civil society, and international organizations to advance social development.
- Delivered a presentation in the Solutions Session: Empowering Young Professionals Through Education and Skill Development for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, engaging global stakeholders on youth-led educational initiatives.
- Sponsored by YouthCubed, contributing to the visibility of youth-led social impact projects on an international platform.

DELEGATE & PANEL MODERATOR – ISTANBUL YOUTH SUMMIT

Istanbul, Turkey | Feb 2025

- Co-designed the "Agricultural Learning Center," a scalable ag-tech education model connecting Indonesian engineering students with traditional farmers to optimize agricultural output and economic resilience.
- Moderated a high-level panel with UN and civil society leaders on conflict resolution, facilitating dialogue on the role of youth in peacebuilding.
- Awarded Best Male Presenter for excellence in public speaking and presentation skills.

DELEGATE – GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS LATAM SUMMIT

Mexico City, Mexico | Sept 2024

- Selected among 40 young leaders in Latin America, presented English in Action to regional changemakers and NGOs.
- Joined a network of 100+ youth advancing the UN SDGs through local innovation.
- Received CHF 1,000 to expand English in Action for rural students in El Salvador.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

John Brown University - November 2022 - Present

- Provide multifunctional administrative support to the International Office, assisting the Director with scheduling, email correspondence, event logistics, and data entry.
- Maintain and track lending records for school-owned resources (e.g., calculators, cameras), ensuring responsible use and on-time return across 60 scholarship recipients.
- Assist in the coordination of international student events and community-building activities.
- Develop professional skills in office management, intercultural sensitivity, and student service support in a diverse academic environment.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS INTERN

DURAMAS - June 2024 - July 2024, San Salvador, El Salvador

- Selected for a competitive internship at one of El Salvador's largest vertically integrated footwear manufacturers, supporting business operations and data-driven decision-making.
- Designed and implemented a custom Power BI dashboard to track the production progress of footwear samples across design, cutting, stitching, and packaging stages, enhancing visibility and reducing bottlenecks by up to 15%.
- Contributed to the digitization and cataloging of leather samples, organizing data on specifications, color schemes, and inventory to improve accessibility and material planning, reducing search time by 50%.
- Conducted targeted market research for potential U.S. expansion in California, Austin (TX), and New York; analyzed demographics, purchasing trends, and macroeconomic data to identify strategic positioning opportunities.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Male Presenter – Istanbul Youth Summit – February 2025

- Chosen from among 100+ international delegates for delivering the most impactful project presentation at a global summit focused on peace, youth, and innovation.
- Recognized for articulating a compelling vision of education as a post-conflict healing tool, highlighting scalable solutions for vulnerable communities in El Salvador.

Global Changemakers Grantee – September 2024

- Selected as one of the most promising young leaders in Latin America to join the Global Changemakers network.
- Received CHF 1,000 seed funding to expand English in Action, an educational initiative in post-gang communities focused on empowering youth through English, digital skills, and leadership.