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EDUCATION

Westridge School: (2020-2026) Pasadena, CA

Georgetown University Hoya Summer Business and Leadership Academy (Summer of 2024)

Wharton Global Youth Summer Essentials of Finance (Summer of 2023)

Pasadena City College: Principles of Macroeconomics, Survey of Mass Communication

Global Online Academy Course - Investing I

SKILLS

Languages:

- English (fluent)
 - Read, Write, Speak
- Mandarin (fluent)
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Computer/Technology:

- Office 365 (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, etc.)
- Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc.)
- IMovie, Capcut, Weebly, Wix, Canva

EXPERIENCE/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-head

Pasadena, CA

Westridge Business and Entrepreneurship Club

2022-present

- Led team in Wharton Investment Competition
 - Managed a stock portfolio and researched stocks
 - Created plan for an actual client, including analysis of ETFs and different bonds
- Led team in Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE): Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
 - Designed a product in which kids with learning disabilities would be able to learn more effectively
 - Wrote a business proposal detailing the product, marketing, and costs
- Competed solo in Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE): World Series of Innovation
 - Designed and wrote business proposal for UN SDG 13 & 14 on a tech product reducing fishing bycatch
- Team Leader for Harvard Crimson Global Case Competition
 - Designed a business plan for an overseas company (Shopee) based on current situations and problems
 - Created new projects Shopee could take on and incorporate
 - Determined the probability of profits in foreign countries
- Competed solo in Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Comp
 - Designed an underwater sound machine for ships to prevent the killing of marine animals
 - Created a video detailing the materials, financials, competitors, and targeted consumers
 - Completed the Blue Ocean Course
- Organized school-wide sales to raise money for various organizations dedicated to educating women on financial literacy
- Conducted market research, planned and managed events and activities, designed logo and marketing material, edited videos, facilitated communication between members and school, collaborated with peers and alumni.
- Held lunch talks with school alumni in the entrepreneurship and tech intersection industries

Front Desk Volunteer

Pasadena, CA

Huntington Hospital

2023-present

- Handled customer service needs, answered phone calls, helped with scheduling and admitting patients
- Provided information for visitors and facilitated communication between patients and hospital staff
- Learned and utilized technical skills related to hospital systems (census, visitation, deliveries)
- Project: heARTbeat <https://heartbeatorganization.weebly.com/> (in progress website)
 - Created and implemented a project for dementia patients and other patients at the hospital
 - Gathered donations to put together free activity/art kits
 - A series of kits: for younger kids - color pages, fidget toys, painting pages; older patients - sensory toys, crochet kits, watercolor books

- Communicated with doctors and nurses regarding specific unit needs and learned about the different conditions to better cater our kits to individuals
- Over 200 kits given out to various units

Blog Creator

Online

Makayla's Money Mindset <https://makaylamoneymindset.weebly.com/blog>

2024-present

- Researched a variety of finance-related topics including Latte Factor, Time Value of Money, Interests/Credit, and more
 - Explored intersections of personal finance with psychology and sociology
- Wrote easy-to-digest and relatable articles to educate young adults and teens around my age
 - Provided actionable steps to encourage financial literacy
- Focused on goal to empower young individuals, particularly women to manage their personal finance, foster a mindset of long-term financial stability
- Addressed systemic challenges such as gender disparities in wealth and leadership
- Provided resources to continue building their knowledge

Student Ambassador Head

Pasadena, CA

Westridge School

2023-present

- One of the leaders of the school admissions ambassador team
 - Led the admissions ambassador team at Open House
 - Led afternoon school events such as campus tours, shadowing days, admission fairs
- Worked internally with Westridge admissions on creating and organizing community events
 - Incoming student welcoming events, interview planning and preparation
- Worked with the Alumnae Outreach to plan Alumnae weekend and annual events
- Worked in outreach to community and interacted with potential new students and families through informational events
- Collaborated with Westridge communications team to create videos and social media content

Student Voices Head

Pasadena, CA

Westridge School

2023-present

- Fostered a culture of inclusion and community within Westridge and raised awareness about topics related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice
- Hosted monthly presentations for Upper, Middle, and Lower School students
 - Previously covered topics including: Pink Tax, Medical Racism, Bias in Media, Earth Day Awareness
- Led a class of 20 students year round and took charge in planning school-wide assemblies
- Served as leader for student affinity heads, in charge of affinity events
- Attended leadership conferences within the school

Internship

Los Angeles, CA

Sphere Media

Summer of 2024

- An LA based company that offers marketing services, content creation, and e-commerce
- Helped with videography, photography specifically for advertisements
 - Posted to Amazon, Tiktok, Instagram, Walmart, Target
- Learned the logistics of different platforms used for commerce and live-streaming platforms
- Worked with content creators on developing innovative ideas for a variety of products
- Completed case studies and reports for the company on collaboration and marketing techniques
- Analyzed and conducted assessments of various products off-site

Internship

Los Angeles, CA

Coro Youth Climate Fellowship

Summer of 2025

- Competitively selected to join the inaugural 2025 cohort of the Coro Youth Climate Fellowship, a full-time, summer leadership program for high school students passionate about climate justice and community change in Los Angeles
- Engaged in a rigorous, hands-on experience designed to strengthen systems thinking, develop leadership skills, and deepen my understanding of climate resilience and environmental equity
- Conducted interactive leadership seminars with real-world learning experiences
- Participated in site visits to frontline organizations addressing environmental challenges, conducted interviews with leaders across sectors working on climate issues, and collaborated with peers on a team-based capstone project focused on a pressing climate-related question facing our region
- Explored the intersections of climate change, public policy, community engagement, and equity
- Developed critical tools in systems thinking, inquiry-based decision-making, effective communication, and collaborative problem-solving, all grounded in Coro's time-tested leadership frameworks
- Strengthened questioning skills, navigated complexity, and mobilized others toward action
- Gained the confidence and skills to lead on issues that matter in my community and joined a growing network of Coro alumni committed to building a more just and sustainable future

Founder, Designer

Los Angeles, CA

Piggy & Co Tote Bags

2023-present

- Designed and produced tote bags specifically for new mothers
- Addressing the need for practical, comforting items during hospital stays
- Donated and distributed bags across hospital units to support patients and families
- Learned product design, small-scale manufacturing, and community outreach
- Used entrepreneurship to bring care and utility to an underserved group, combining creativity with social impact
- In progress website: <https://www.thepiggyco.com/>

Internship

Los Angeles, CA

City of Hope

Summer of
2025-present

- In progress, will complete as I start more lab work

Independent Research

Los Angeles, CA

Mentored by Elizabeth Maglio

Summer of 2025

- Designed and conducted extensive research project on rising maternal mortality rates; highlighted disparities in low-SES and BIPOC communities
- Analyzed public health data, conducted literature review on scholarly articles and historical policies, identified key interventions needed for reducing pregnancy-related deaths
- Researched evidence-based strategies including doula support, prenatal care, insurance policies, and maternal health education
- Proposed school-based programs to teach adolescent girls about maternal health and potential collaboration between school and organizations such as Planned Parenthood