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## EDUCATION

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### **Huntley High School: 13719 Harmony Rd, Huntley, IL**

- **Academic GPA:** Unweighted: 4.0; Weighted: 4.4
- **SAT:** 1560 (E 780 M 780)
- **Relevant Classes:** AP Physics 1 (10); AP Chemistry(11); AP Biology(12); AP Psychology (12)

### **University of Chicago Summer Courses: 5801 S Ellis Ave, Chicago, IL**

- *Biotechnology for the 21st Century (11)*
- *Pathways to Molecular Engineering (12)*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Tiger Koo's Martial Arts (10, 11, 12) Senior Instructor (Third Degree Black Belt)**

- Taught classes upwards of 20 students various forms of self defense
- Helped students gain confidence and discipline while promoting their well-being
- Trained New instructors and prepared testing events
- Memorized over 80 Martial Arts techniques
- Adapted to the needs of various young students in order to best lead them
- Deescalated conflicts among individuals

### **Huntley Dairy Mart (11,12) Assistant Manager**

- Oversaw opening and closing of store
- Trained new hires and provided guidance on answering customer questions
- Took customer orders and prepared desserts

## AWARDS & HONORS

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### **InnerView Ambassador Award (9)**

- Awarded for having completed over 100 hours of community service across various platforms.

### **Tiger Koo's Regional Championship (10)**

- Competed in regional tournament and placed 2nd for sparing

### **Huntley High School Raider Way Award (11)**

- For my strong academic and community service track records. One of two students chosen per month out of 3000 students.

### **Seal of Biliteracy (11)**

- National Recognition for proficiency in two languages
- Can read, write, and speak English and Spanish fluently

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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### **USA Science Olympiad (9,10, 11, 12) Varsity Member and Team Captain**

- Self studied and competed for school in 4 scientific events with a partner.
- Gained strong study habits and leadership abilities.
- Developed better communication and interpersonal skills
- Organized meetings and provided instruction to new members.

- Awarded various medals at the state and regional level including a 2nd place state medal out of 27 teams.

**Huntley HOSA + Medical Club. (9,10,11,12)** *Club president and Treasurer*

- Managed club funds and oversaw fundraisers
- Organized meetings, dissections, events, and advertising
- Coordinated volunteer and educational opportunities for students
- Taught basic anatomy of dissected organisms

**National Honor society (11,12)** *Small Group Leader*

- Oversaw online Spanish tutoring for over 15 elementary school children

**Independent Research on Beetles** *Student Researcher*

- Analyzed genes that allow for better survival under the guidance of UCSD graduate student
- Performed independent observations and an intensive literature analysis
- Improved analytical and writing skills
- Drafted paper for submission to a scientific journal.

**University of Illinois - Medicina Academy Apprenticeship Program (MAAP)** *Selected Participant*

- Shadowed healthcare professionals
- Researched impact of diet-based diseases on different Hispanic communities in the US.
- Connected with students of various backgrounds
- Learned better group skills; improved listening and observation skills.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Silver Chord** *Volunteer*

- Helped set up and run various events under school volunteering program
- Used skills in a practical setting

## SKILLS & HOBBIES

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- Proficiency in sewing and embroidery. Improved focus and attention to detail.
- Exploration of local nature reserves. Observed and recorded native species.
- Reading science and historical fiction.
- Biking regularly for both leisure and exercise.
- Organizing study or lesson plans for myself and others