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About Me

Hi, my name is Anna! I'm a high school junior from California who loves thinking, learning, and giving back to my community. I am very interested in mathematics, computers, physics, and really anything to help with making the world a better place. In my free time, I enjoy reading, discovering, trying out new things, and talking. I have experience with Python, C++, HTML, machine learning, mathematical modeling, and advanced undergrad-level mathematics.

Education

BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, Grade 12

Aug 2022 - May 2026

- GPA: 4.00 unweighted, 4.80 weighted
- SAT: 1570 (800M 770R), PSAT: 1500 (760M 740R)
- Relevant Coursework:
 - STEM: Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Modern Physics, AP Physics 1 (5), AP Physics 2 (5), AP Physics C: Electricty & Magnetism (5), AP Physics C: Mechanics (5), AP Computer Science A (5), AP Calculus AB (5), AP Calculus BC (5), AP Statistics (5), Honors Chemistry, Honors Biology
 - Humanities: Multiversal Fiction, Existentialism & the Absurd, AP U.S. Government and Politics (5), AP Macroeconomics (5), AP Microeconomics (5), AP U.S. History (5), AP English Language & Composition (5), AP English Literature & Composition (5), AP World History: Modern (5), AP Chinese Language and Culture (5)

Experience

Intern - Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program (ASSIP)

Jun 2025 - Present

• geoinformatics researcher under Dr. Ziheng Sun, predicting the risk score for one region to air quality-related cancers using remote sensing

Researcher - Non-Trivial Research Fellow

Jun 2025 - Present

- selected as a Research Fellow and received a \$2,000 scholarship (0.7% acceptance rate)
- conducting research on mechanistic interpretability and post-hoc interpretability for legal prediction models

Intern - MIT PRIMES CrowdMath Internship

Feb 2025 - Present

- explore CrowdMath 2025 open problems while leveraging AI tools such as Large Language Models and interactive theorem provers
- working towards providing the first taxonomy of classes of commutative rings/semirings based on the statement of Goldbach's conjecture using AI+math workflows with reusable AI enhancement techniques

Student Researcher - North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Feb 2025 - Present

• researching multimodal violence detection from industrial surveillance videos using ensemble learning with Professor Xiaohong Yuan and PhD student Hamza Khan

Student Researcher - Algoverse

Feb 2025 - Present

• participating in AI Research program on LLMs, training semantic entropy probes on judge models to improve model response evaluation

President and Chapter Head - INTEGIRLS Bay Area, Tech Director - INTEGIRLS

Jul 2024 - Present

- global nonprofit bridging the gap in problem-solving through 30+ global chapters, reaching 8k+ students and 62 countries, efforts featured in various news outlets
- oversee contest administration of free biannual math contests with 100+ participants all over the world
- problem-writing for contests, monthly newsletters and other events to build community

Participant - Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists (PROMYS)

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

- one of 60 students selected globally for prestigious 6-week math summer program (<4% acceptance rate)
- studied number theory under Professor Glenn Stevens (Boston University) and Professor Henry Cohn (MIT), studied Galois Theory under Professor David Speyer (University of Michigan), participated in an exploratory lab on fractional linear functions

Student Researcher - Aspiring Scholars Directed Research Program

Dec 2023 - Aug 2024

- researched applications of self-organizing maps (SOMs) by using Python to implement an SOM algorithm to create 2D representations of various higher dimensional datasets, like population & knot datasets
- generated efficient railway transportation networks from a country's population and elevation dataset with edge pruning approach, adapted algorithms from square SOM to hexagonal SOM

Projects

Math Competition Trainer - Python web frameworks, HTML/CSS, SQL, NLP

problemstrainer.app

- source past AMC problems adaptively to improve practicing efficiency, evaluating users' strengths and weaknesses with problem types and categories and subsequently recommend such problems
- use of machine learning to categorize problems gathered via webscraping

Fractional Linear Functions

Link to Paper

• wrote paper for exploration lab on properties of fractional linear functions with peers at PROMYS 2024

Awards & Honors

- 4x AIME qualifier, top 2.5% of AMC 10/12 participants, 7x AMC Distinction
- 2x Math Prize for Girls at MIT Invitee, ranked 64th in top 300 girls nationwide
- 2025 Canada IMO Training Camp Participant
- 2025 European Girls Math Olympiad (EGMO)
 Team Canada Selection Test Qualifier, ranked in
 top 11 girls in Canada
- 2025 Canadian Math Olympiad (CMO) Qualifier
- 2x Berkeley Math Tournament Distinguished Honorable Mention, 2024 Stanford Math Tournament Team 3rd Place

- 2023 G2 Math Program Participant at CMU, top 50 girls nationwide
- Euler Circle Student studying differential geometry, real analysis, point-set topology
- PVSA Gold Award 2x, Bronze Award 2x
- 24-25 Modeling the Future Challenge Semi-Finalist
- 2x Pre-Gold Figure Skating Medalist
- BISV Student Ambassador and NHS member
- 2024 Civics Innovators Fellow
- 2025 Scholastic Writing Regional Honorable Mention

Leadership & Volunteering

VP of Technology & Life - Shine4Love Teens Club

Jan 2022 - Present

- organize workshops for math and sciences, raised \$200+ in donations to UNICEF and \$300+ for ALS research
- volunteering in tutoring & community events, leading department members in developing their own workshops

President - BISV Math Circle

Sep 2022 - Present

- participated on school team in math competitions, such as BMT, SMT, CMM, BAMO, Purple Comet
- lead and give math talks and panels to spread the joys of problem-solving and inform about career pathways
- BIMCT STEM contest administrator, worked on promoting contest and obtaining sponsors

President & TEDx Speaker - BISV TED Talks Club

Sep 2022 - Present

- planned events, including watching & discussing TED talks, guiding members through developing student talks
- co-organized first and second annual TEDxBISV Youth event, sold-out event with 100 attendees
- gave TEDx Talk on mathematical problem-solving with 2k views and talk on power of counterexamples

President & Founder - BISV Mathematical Modeling Club

June 2024 - Present

- planned club meetings, including discussions of math applied in the real world, data analysis techniques
- coordinate participation in modeling contests (e.g. HIMCM, MTFC), MATLAB projects, and conferences

Vice President & Treasurer - Silicon Valley Region Skating High School Team

Sep 2023 - Present

- manage funds for nationally ranked high school figure skating team, promote skating to the public
- 1st place (individual free skate), 4th place (team overall) at 2024 National High School Skating Cyber Challenge; 3rd place (team overall) at 2025 Cyber Challenge