

# Carter Ballow

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

2026

BA: Political Science & BS: Computer Science & Engineering

Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4

**San Dieguito High School Academy**, Encinitas, California

Cumulative GPA: 4.56/4

Awards: Speech and Debate Nationals Competitor, Silver Key Scholastic Artist, AP Scholar With Distinction, Seal of Biliteracy, North County Academic League Competitor, Track and Field Varsity Letterman, Cross Country Varsity Letterman, \$5k Scholarship: Grossmont Sharp Hospital, \$1k Scholarship: Joe W. Chavez Educational Fund

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Chipotle**, Crew, Encinitas, California

December 2023 – September 2024

- Worked primarily on the line, cash register, and drive-thru pick-up, but also mastered skills on the grill and prep.
- Learned valuable skills like working in a fast-paced demanding environment and the importance of customer service.

**CoLab Commons**, Camp Counselor, Encinitas, California

May 2021 – August 2023

- Taught summer STEM courses: 3D printing, computer science, and chemistry to grades k-6 at a local charter school.
- Learned how to work with kids and coworkers to facilitate learning and ensure each kid is safe and included.

**AI Safety @ UCLA**, Software Engineer Fellow, Los Angeles, California

January 2025 – Current

- Conducted research on the risks of AI policy levers, and the role of AI in government
- Learned the ins and outs of software engineering and the impacts of AI on the future of computer science.

**Ballow Fruit Company**, Founder, Encinitas, California

February 2016- Current

- Raised over \$6700 for underprivileged citizens through selling citrus to neighborhood friends and family.
- 400+ volunteer hours at San Diego Food Bank. Recently switched to Union Rescue Mission on Skid Row.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Encinitas Youth Commission**, Chairman, Encinitas, California

October 2022 – August 2024

- Worked with Encinitas City Council to implement safer speed limits and redesign streets for E-bikes.
- Created volunteering opportunities for youth in the community, and brought mental health resources to local schools.

**Speech and Debate**, Secretary, Encinitas, California

September 2021 – May 2023

- Worked as events lead year 11 to plan and communicate all team events with the club and facilitated fundraisers.
- Promoted to Secretary, and took on the role of teaching the class, aiding students with helpful feedback and pointers.
- Competed at State, and National Qualifiers. Competed at Nationals in 2023. County/Invitational Tournament Winner.

**California Boys & Girls State**, Delegate, Sacramento, California

June 2023

- Worked as City Treasurer, managing finances, and as Federalist Campaign Manager helping boost party support.
- Was recognized in the final ceremony as Original Oratorical Speech Competition winner out of 60+ participants.

## ADDITIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Swipe Out Hunger**, Member, Los Angeles, California

October 2024 – Current

- Member of the gleaning committee, responsible for collecting produce from local farmers market for food insecure Bruins. Held winter swipes drive to collect unused swipes, donate them to students in need, and increase meal plans.

**Pokémon Club**, Founder/President, Encinitas, California

March 2022 – May 2023

- Accumulated over fifty students at my high school who play Pokémon games, and founded a club that facilitated social gatherings, card trading, battling, and lessons on various aspects of the Pokémon fandom. Met Weekly.

**Pickleball Club**, Founder/President, Encinitas, California

September 2022- May 2023

- Amassed over one hundred students interested in learning how to play pickleball. Held weekly meetings.
- Set up pickleball tournaments on three separate occasions, skill-matched the applicants, and oversaw the gameplay.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Computer Skills: Java, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, C++, Python.
- Interests: Jeopardy, Mobile Games, Bass Guitar, Coding, Fashion, Running, Lifting Weights, Surfing, Skating.

## LANGUAGES

- English (Native Proficiency), Spanish (Bilingual Proficiency), German (Limited Proficiency)