



Animo Leadership Charter High School

Curriculum Vitae

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My ambitions, plans, and goals:

My goal is to be able to support my family in the future. I want to repay my parents for sacrificing everything to support me. Also, I want to have a better future than my parents because I am given many opportunities, that they didn't have, for me to succeed.

My academic and personal strengths and challenges:

Strengths	Challenges/Weakness
Hard working- I always do my work and ask for help if I do not understand a lesson.	Disorganized- My binder has a lot of loose papers. However, I am working on this by dividing my papers with dividers.
Self-Driven- I do work without others reminding me to do so.	Procrastinate- leave my annotations to the very last day. But I am working on overcoming this by planning my week accordingly.
Responsible- turn in homework on time. Also, completing assignments when I am absent.	Competitive- compete with my classmates and instead of helping them, I focus on helping myself. However, this year I am focusing on helping them place the class.

School and community awards received:

Grade:	Award:	Description:
9th	Student of the Month	Demonstrated hard work and academic achievement. I received this award for the effort I put in my work. Only a few students each year receive this award.
9 th - present	Principle Honor Roll	Given to students who have 3.5 GPA or higher
11th	2017 Science Fair First Place Winner	1st place school wide for developing a water mill that produces electricity. Collaborated with peers to fabricate and present a science fair project
11th	Courage to Change Award 2017	An award for demonstrating the courage, persistence and

		strength of character to grow as a student and as a human being.
12th	Academic Lettermen Jackets	Highest academic achievement attainable at ALCHS - awarded to students who earned above a 3.5 GPA in every semester in their High School Career.

Work/Intern/Summer Program Experience:

Employer:	Dates:	Hrs./Wk.:	Description:
Girls Who Code	June 26-Aug 4	8hrs a day	Hands-on experience in computer programming and exposure to women in technology. Made my own website for a final project and present it to AT&T employees.

Extracurricular Activities: (i.e. Babysitting, volunteering, church, household, responsibilities, sports, music, etc.)

Grade(s):	Activity:	Description/Role:
9 th , 10 th	Marine Biology Club	COMMITTEE CHAIR. I was in charge of organizing outreach events and provide students with rides to be part of our field-trips
9 th - present	Korean Club	PRESIDENT Expose students to the Korean Culture and learn how to read and write Korean. I plan and lead weekly meetings to engage members of the club.
10 th - present	Anime Club	PRESIDENT Teaches members about the Japanese culture through Japanese's animated shows. I organize and facilitate weekly meetings and fundraising activities.
12 th	Girls Who Code	CO-FOUNDER. Encourage female students to pursue a career in technology by teaching them computer programming skills and exposing them to females in TECH
12th	First Generation Scholars	Opportunity for students with academic success to prepare for SAT test and apply to private colleges.
12th	Robotics Mentor	Tutor students on how to brainstorm, construct, and code a robot to help them win the Animo Robotics Competition

Community Service/ Organizations (Church groups, scouts, internship, etc.)

Grade(s):	Activity:	Descriptions and role/title:
10 th	Summer LEAP	Managed children's behavior and chaperoned indoor and outdoor activities. Acted as a role model by maintaining a genuine enthusiasm for working with children.
10 th	Lennox Park After School Club	TUTOR/MENTOR Guided low income/educationally disadvantaged students with study skills and HW. Served as a role model and managed the logistics of the program.
11 th	Inter Science and Engineering Fair 2017 Interpreter	Accurately conveyed the Semi-Finalists' social science project from Spanish into English and vice versa to judges.
9th	Saint John Chrysostom Church	Responsible for organizing papers and money donations. I passed out flyers of future events that the Church was hosting.
11th	Relay for Cancer Walk	Distributed food and supplies to volunteers in the event and encouraged others to participate in the relay.

Courses/ Subject that I have enjoyed here at Animo:

Course/ Subject:	Why I liked it:
Geometry	I really enjoy this class because I love solving for angles. I love math in general but this class a visual type of math solving for different types of shapes.
Socratic Seminar	I really enjoy Socratic Seminar because I like this class because we would talk about topics that were controversial for the first semester. Second Semester was difficult, but I still enjoyed it because it pushed me out of my comfort zone to present in front of an audience.
Robotics	I love this class because I get to build a robot and program it to move and pass challenges. This class is different from the normal class because the students only work on their robots and the teacher is there just to help and supervise. It's the best class ever!

Financial Aid Information:

Approximate total family yearly income: \$26,000

Number of people in household: 6

Cumulative GPA: 3.8
Rank: 8 of 129
SAT Total Score: 1110
ACT Composite Score: 21
AP Courses Taken: 7
AP Exams Taken & Passed: 2/3

Period	Course	Teacher/ Current Grade (%)	Current GPA: 4.17 Cumulative GPA: 4.23 <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship: LTA <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship
1	Journalism	Herman/ A 99	
2	College Readiness 12	Amezcuca/ A 97	
3	AP English Language	Oh/ B 83	
4	AP Statistics	Choi/ A- 90	
5	AP Environmental Science	Shokair/ B+ 87	
6	Teaching Assistant	Meyer/ N/A	
7	AP Government	Morgana/ B+ 87	

Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct?

NO

What am I looking for in my ideal college?

For, my idea college I want to go to a big campus to meet different people with different background to mine. I want this school to have many clubs, so i can choose a club I want to be part of. I also want this school to offer me financial aid because my parents do not make a lot of money. Also, I want the school to please me visually.

School that I'll be attending:

School:	Why:
CSULB	Great engineering program and close to home.

Is Financial Aid a factor? → **Yes** or No

Are you a first-generation college student? → **Yes** or No

What qualities best describe me as an applicant?

I am a dedicated student. Being dedicated is a quality I believe ties to other qualities. For example, I can't be a hard working student, if I don't commit to the work I am doing or I can't be responsible if I don't care about it. The goal I am always aiming for makes me dedicated to doing well in school and as I go along, I gain other skills. Dedication, I believe best describes me as an applicant.

About my home/family life:

I grew up in Mexican household with my parents and my three sisters. My dad works as a landscaper to maintain the family financially which is why I don't see him often. However, when my dad has time, we take a drive around Downtown LA. My mom's role is to maintain the house; she sometimes gets small jobs here and there to help with the financial issue.

Financial issue is a big problem for my family especially since my dad send money to his family in Mexico. My dad's main priority is to supply them, so some months we don't have a lot of money. This year was the toughest yet, my dad's mom passed away and we need to pay for her funeral money. Not only that My dad's sister was very sick and for the doctors to attend her we needed to pay right away. This of course cause a financial burden to my dad and our family not paying the rent on time. Thank god our landlord is so forgiven to our family, but it was hard. Now we are somewhat financially stabled.

As for my sisters, they have supported me although we might sometimes have minor disagreement.

My older sister is starting college which motivates me to go to college. My older sister is educationally disadvantage, so she struggles in school. This doesn't stop her from doing good in school. On the other hand, I am educationally advantage, I can process concepts pretty quickly and remember them. Since I had this advantage my sister would upset at me because I didn't have to try so hard. Because of this, I been trying harder in school, instead of giving up, I do my work and study because I would feel guilty. I would think that I shouldn't throw my ability away because I was blessed with it. I am trying hard for the both of us.

Provide specific example of how you have demonstrated leadership, initiative/commitment, and good teamwork.

I show my leadership and commitment in anime club because I am preparing myself to be the future leader of that club. For example, I worked with the club leaders to come up with ideas to fundraise and be part of the planning for upcoming club meetings. Also, I would be the one announcing upcoming events and other important information to the whole club. Not only did I

work behind the scenes with the leaders of the club, I also would act as a fellow club member and got to know everyone who show up regularly in the club. I spend my time with the members mostly, so that they would trust as their leader for this year. As of right now, a current leader, I am finding ways to recruit new members, arrange the club snacks, and other methods of fundraising. Also, planning the end of the year trip to Anime Expo.

I believe my main challenge is talking to administrators to get things to happen. For example, to get posters approved I need to visit the vice principal's office multiple times. Also, to get Arc to provide Anime Club with food I need to make countless visits to the Arc Drop in Center. Being a leader made me realize, I can't always be in control because the work becomes too much for me. I now divide the work I must do with the other club leaders like assign them to make announcements or talk to Ms. Navarro or Mr. Barajas to borrow their room for the meeting.

Describe an accomplishment of which you are particularly proud of:

I am proud of passing AP Calculus AB. The class was difficult and I needed to attend tutoring often because I would not understand a lesson. This class was the most challenging course I have ever experienced, but that didn't stop my drive to learn. By passing the test, I felt that all my hard work paid off and I could do anything if I try.