

# Diane Ferragu

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## EDUCATION

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**Miss Porters School**, Farmington, CT

*Diploma*, Jun. 2026

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Junior Courses: AIS Global Intensive Studies: Costa Rica, AIS Political Philosophy, AIS Biology, Physics, AIS Chinese: Modern Chinese Women (Dual Enrollment with UCONN), Literature of the Environment (Dual Enrollment with UCONN), AIS Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies: Myth & Meaning (Dual Enrollment with UCONN), AP Calculus BC (One SchoolHouse)

Pursuing the Certificate of Global Studies

**UCSD Extended Studies**, La Jolla, CA (Remote)

*BioImaging & 3D Printing (BI3DP)*, March 2025

**Shoals Marine Laboratory/Cornell University**, Portsmouth, NH

*Pre-College Marine Environmental Science Summer Program*, Jun. 2024

GPA: 4.3/4.0

## EXPERIENCE

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**Mantis AI**, *Intern*, Remote MIT @ Kellis Lab, Feb. 2025 - Present

- Developed cognitive cartography tools to visualize complex data relationships, enhancing data insights across multiple domains.
- Implemented machine learning models to connect genotype and phenotype data, boosting predictive capabilities for biological research.

**StandOut Connect**, *Intern*, Remote, Jan. 2025. - Present

- Developing professional skills through a program that helps students secure impactful internships, refine their resumes, and enhance their personal brand and interview techniques
- Joining TNPO2 Foundation as an intern for grant writing and machine learning

**UCSD BioEngineering Research Scholars**, *Participant*, Remote, Jan. 2025. - Present

- Conduct hands-on lab activities and remote 3D printing of biomedical models
- Gaining skills in biological imaging and design transformation for engineering applications

**Independent Research Project**, *Researcher*, Remote, Aug. 2024. - Present

- Pioneered research on microplastic accumulation in human biological systems
- Discovered key health correlations, contributing to emerging environmental health studies, which will be published

- Utilized machine learning models, including [Random Forest and XGBoost](#)

**WorldTutors**, *Tutor*, Haiti (Remote), May. 2024. - Present

- Providing tutoring in math and French to over 50 underrepresented and underprivileged students aged 6-17 in groups of 5-10 twice a week

**Stratton Mountain Resort**, *Ski Instructor (Seasonal Paid)*, Stratton, VT, Nov. 2023 - Apr. 2024

- Taught skiing techniques to children aged 3-7 as part of the Cub Club program, providing foundational and advanced skills to approximately 150 participants

**Salko Farm and Stable**, *Barn Groom (Paid)*, Southport, CT, Jan. 2023 - March. 2023

- Maintained clean and organized stalls, ensuring the health and comfort of horses
- Fed, watered and groomed horses according to individualized care routines
- Assisted with barn upkeep and daily operations to support a smooth workflow

## **LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES**

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**Science Olympiad, Miss Porters School**, *Member*, Nov. 2024 - Present

- Placed 5th in Microbe Mission, the school's highest placement

**Best Buddies, Miss Porters School**, *Co-Head and Found*, Sep. 2024 - Present

- Launched the school's first chapter to foster friendships and promote inclusivity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**Head of School Committee, Miss Porters School**, *Member*, Sep. 2024 - Present

- Planned coding mentorship initiatives to inspire more than 30 middle school girls in STEM

**Hypatia (Science Newspaper), Miss Porters School**, *Staff Writer*, Sep. 2024 - Present

- Published [articles](#) in all editions of the newspaper, promoting scientific news awareness on campus

**2Worlds Affinity (Multicultural Club), Miss Porters School**, *Member*, Sep. 2023 - Present

- Organized over 10 cultural events promoting inclusivity and dialogue around different cultures across our school campus

**Varsity Equestrian, Miss Porters School**, *Co-Captain*, Sep. 2024 - Present

- Qualified for IEA Varsity Intermediate 2' Under Saddle this year

## **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Skills:** Grant Writing, Creative Writing, Research, Data Entry, R Programming, Python Programming, Social Media (Instagram)

**Interests:** Bioengineering, Biotechnology, Computational Biology, Equestrian, Running