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Education:

Sonoma Academy (2022 – present)

Honors and Awards:

Shelby M.C. Davis Charitable Foundation Davis Scholarship
5x North Coast Section Scholar Athlete Award
Young Leadership Summit Scholar and Finalist
California Association for Piano Music Teachers, Taffy Glasner Best Piano Performance Award (District 7)

Activities:

Pioneer Research Program / Independent Research, (Grades 10-12, Post Graduate, 10 hour week / 35 week year) - Student Advisory Council for Pioneer Student Community. Conducted cancer biology research under Professor Engda Hagos of Colgate University, investigating stress and its impact on female reproductive cancers in Central America. Published original study on posture affecting audiovisual learning comprehension through the European Organization for Nuclear Research (doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1500928) and research paper “Stress and CXCR2-Dependent Inflammation in Female Reproductive Cancers in Central America” on the Zenodo Repository (doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17075176). Approved for a STEM/Global Citizenship Concentration Grant at Sonoma Academy, focusing on pond ecology and environmental stewardship. Presented findings to local communities at public information sessions for underrepresented community members.

Piano Performance and Teaching, (Grades 9-12, Post Graduate, 7 hour week / 45 week year) - Trained in piano for 12 years, awarded the Taffy Glasner Best Performance Award (District 7), and certified in CAMPT Level 12 Music Theory Proficiency—an undergraduate-level distinction. Taught piano for 2 years to under-resourced elementary and middle school students, and offered free high school lessons at Sonoma Academy to expand access to music education.

Concert and Sports Photography, (Grades 9-12, Post Graduate, 5 hour week /30 week year) - Captured high-energy moments at concerts with 2,000+ attendees, lead sports photographer for Sonoma Academy, and launched a free Senior Portrait Project to empower under-resourced youth through professional photography.

Sports: JV/Varsity, Sonoma Academy /North Coast Section (NCS), (Grades 9-10, Post Graduate, 10 hour week / 28 week year) - Varsity Soccer (Right Wing), Varsity Lacrosse (Goalie), and JV Basketball (Power Forward), with multiple honors including NCS Playoffs Champion and Scholar Athlete titles.

Pepperwood Nature Preserve Environmental Science Intern, (Grades 11-12, Post Graduate, 21 hour week / 6 week year) - Collected observational data on flora and fauna in Sonoma County. Completed Santa Rosa Junior College Work Experience Education Course for Volunteer Service for 1.0 unit. Researched native butterflies and their interactions with local ecosystems through field collection, observation and interaction with the local Native Advisory Council. Presenting to a community symposium of 100+ attendees at the conclusion of the program.

Athletics: Club, 24 Hour Fitness (Grades 9-12, Post Graduate, 10 hour week / 48 week year) - Train alongside U.S. Powerlifting Association athletes, 2x deadlift champion at local competitions, and serve as a dedicated personal trainer to peers seeking strength and discipline.

Latine Affinity Group Leader, Sonoma Academy Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Leadership Group (Grades 9-12, Post Graduate, 2 hour week / 35 week year) - 4-year leader in student equity work; Peer Facilitator and guest speaker at the international Student Diversity Leadership Conference (9,000+ attendees). Plan and lead affinity group meetings in collaboration with administration, organize guest speaker events and workshops, and coordinate inclusive open houses to foster dialogue and representation. Coordinate with state-level affinity groups and activist organizations such as the North Bay Organizing Project in order to provide programming to students at Sonoma Academy and surrounding public forums.

Student Government/Politics, Coordinator / Officer, Sonoma Academy (Grades 11-12, 3 hour week, 35 week year) - Student Leadership Council Lead Coordinator (President), Tri-M Honors Music Society Officer, Bilingual Admissions Representative to Sonoma Academy, and Prom Committee Leader. Organize major school events including Open Houses, themed dances, and community fundraisers like the Sonoma Academy Family Picnic. Partner with administration to create an inclusive, welcoming environment for all students and families by reaching out to 10+ local schools and giving school presentations.

Community Engagement Committee, Founder/Leader (Grades 11-12, 2 hour week, 30 week year) - Founder and leader of the Community Engagement Committee at Sonoma Academy. Organize impactful initiatives such as benefit concerts for local wildfires, raising over \$25,000 through a school-wide auction. Create after-school programs that provide instructional opportunities to middle schoolers, and creative arts opportunities for under-resourced youth such as painting workshops and theater sit-ins. Fostered strong community connections through partnerships with local schools and libraries.

Community Service (Volunteer), Landpaths, Sonoma County Regional Parks (SCRP), Santa Rosa Nazarene Church (Grades 9-12, 40 hour week / 8 week year) - SCRP Intern, designed Spanish-language environmental education programs that were presented in free workshops through the Regional Parks. Camp counselor for Landpaths, guiding youth mainly aged 4-12 through outdoor learning experiences and camps. Served as computer technician and docent at Santa Rosa Nazarene Church, overseeing tech operations and educating visitors. Initiated and led a food drive that reached 200+ food-insecure individuals at and managed custodial duties before and after church services.

Music: Vocal, Sonoma Academy Music Department, Lead Tenor (Grades 9-12, 4 hour week / 35 week year) - Assisted the conductor and managed peers in the Coyote Choir, ensuring vocal accuracy and leading performances on a week-long tour in Los Angeles, including four public K-12 schools and Disneyland. Completed solo singing class, honing vocal skills and expanding performance experience.

Other Educational Experiences:

Cancer Biology Education, Oberlin College and Conservatory, Present
Undergraduate Research, Pioneer Academics, Present
Santa Rosa Junior College, Present

Jobs/Employment:

Tech Electric Services Inc. Apprentice Electrician (30 hour week/5 week year)

Research Portfolio & Profiles

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