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Objective

As a highly driven student, academically and socially, I strive to apply the skills I learn in the classroom to the real world, so that I can make a difference in others' lives. In order to achieve this goal, I involve myself in the community in as many ways as I can, giving back by sharing my knowledge and inspiring others.

Profile

- Flexible and versatile – able to adapt to and work hard under many different circumstances. Have a talent for grasping new material quickly, such as new technology, a new language, a new instrument, a new sport, and new tasks and responsibilities.
 - Hard working and driven – dedicated to long-term commitments to an activity or goal, despite short-term obstacles.
 - Organized – able to stay on top of many tasks and assignments at once, good at setting deadlines, scheduling, and taking care of every detail.
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Skills Summary

Tri-lingual: English, Chinese, Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak and understand Chinese and English fluently.• Experience translating Chinese/Eng, Eng/Chinese, Spanish/Eng.• Can speak, read, and write Spanish, but not completely fluent.
Effective Social Networking Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience with social change through online media: Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Tumblr, Wordpress (CUBE experience)
Leadership Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience with leadership in school and volunteer activities• Often organize informal activities, such as study sessions, exercise outings, and team bonding events.
Lab Research Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proficient in lab equipment (experience in AP Chemistry, AP Biology, summer internship in genetics lab).
Good with children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience with teaching (English, Piano, Debate, Tutoring).• Friendly and Engaging (Residents' Assistant, Daycare, Activities)
Computer Savvy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good knowledge of basic office programs (word, excel, etc.)• Basic programming (C++, Pascal, Logo, Python, ImageJ)

Education

August 2012	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accepted by MIT with major in Bioengineering and minor in Business Management.• Will participate in internships and research with professors.
September 2008 – May 2012	Saint Francis College Preparatory High School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Merit Finalist and a Varsity Student-Athlete for 3 years.• Academic High Honors award for 4 years, and the 4.0 award.

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- A member in the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, and National Society of High School Scholars.
 - 4.56 weighted GPA, ranked top 20 in class, 2350 SAT I score.

**September 2005 –
June 2008**

Challenger Middle School

- Straight-A student, graduating at the top of the class.
- President of the Student Council.
- Co-founder and chief editor of the school's magazine.
- 1st place in the district-wide "Daughters of the American Revolution History Essay Contest", school-wide science fair competition, and the "Young Authors Book Project".

**September 2002 –
December 2009**

San Jose Unified School District Chinese School

- Attended the weekly weekend Chinese School classes, which taught Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and writing as well as Culture, Arts, and History.
- 1st place in the Chinese Poetry Recitation Competition (2009), and the Pinyin Transcribing Competition (2010)

Professional Experience

July 2010

Global Education Summer Camp: Shanghai EXPO

Position: English Teacher, Residents' Assistant, Translator

- Taught English to local middle / elementary school students.
- Helped with residential life, by living in and supervising dorms.
- Lead tours and supervised groups at the Shanghai EXPO.
- Translated between English, for the American college student teachers, and Chinese, for campers and staff.

June 2010

Shepherd's Field Orphanage, Beijing

Position: English Teacher, Child Care / Rehabilitation, Translator

- Taught English to orphans and staff members.
- Translated between English for American doctors and volunteers, and Chinese for the orphans and staff.
- Helped with child care, meals, activities, physical therapy.

July – August 2011

Centrillion Biosciences (Genetics Analysis Start-up)

Position: Research Assistant, Summer Intern

- Laboratory experiments: primed, synthesized DNA microfibers.
- Data analysis: imaged samples with a fluorescent microscope.
- Process optimization: wrote a program to make analysis of image data more efficient and accurate.

**December 2009 –
present**

Piano Teacher

- 3 young beginner students, weekly hour-long piano lessons.

December 2010 - present

Freelance Musician

- For-hire musician, plays piano for entertainment at events.
- Perform for private parties and social events: Christmas and engagement parties, school-wide "Christmas at Our House" fundraiser, Pit Orchestra in *The Sound of Music* musical

Volunteer Experience

September 2010 – March 2012

Sunday Friends: The Working Alternative to Charity

Position: Teen Leader of Photography

- Teach financial responsibility to poor families: run a mock bank, explain basic financial concepts and duties.
- Translate between English and Spanish for Hispanic families, so they can communicate with volunteers and complete tasks.
- Coordinated photography for publicity and fundraising.

September 2010 – March 2011

Villa Sienna Nursing Home

Position: Musician, Physical Therapy Assistant, basic care

- Played piano to entertain the elderly: concerts and sing-alongs.
- Feeding, talking to, walking and physical therapy with elderly.

September 2010 – present

California Scholarship Federation

Position: Tutor, Teacher's Assistant

- Helped with Math and Science tutoring.
- Graded papers, helped teachers organize (e.g. attendance)
- Helped organize, run, staff academic events (e.g. Open House)

June 2010 – August 2011

CUBE Club (CUring oBEsity)

Position: Co-founder, teen leader for social networking

- Wrote blueprint for the club, organized the structure.
- Social networking: Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Wordpress posts, updates, and self-advertising.
- Organized local outings and events.

Awarded in 2010 and 2011

Brother Eamon Schaffer Service Award

- Recognition for more than 100 hours of outstanding community service (volunteering) per year, awarded for 2 years.

Extracurricular Activities

September 2009 - present

Speech and Debate: Public Forum

Position: Team Captain, Travelling Varsity Team

- Plan practice rounds, team meetings, contact guest lecturers.
- Prepare extensively for nationally competitive travel tournaments, win awards to increase team ranking.

Awards and Recognition:

- Ranked 55th in the United States in Public Forum Debate.
- Finalists at Berkeley Invitational at UC Berkeley (2011).
- Most Improved Debater (2011).

**September 2009 –
present**

Math Club

Position: President (2011-2012), Vice President (2010-2011)

- Plan activities: guest lectures, puzzles, fundraisers, competitions
- Publicity: Math handouts, daily math joke announcements.

Awards and Recognition:

- Certificate of Distinction: American Mathematics Competition 12
- Certificate of Recognition, Qualifier: American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

**September 2009 –
present**

Newspaper

Position: Contributing Writer, Staff Writer, Copy Editor

- Pioneered, and am editor for, Science and Technology section.
- Write articles for the monthly newspaper issues.

**September 2009 –
present**

Symphonic, Marching, and Jazz Bands

Position: lead pianist, lead keyboard, 2nd alto saxophone

- Performed in parades and field shows with Marching Band
- Toured in Italy, L.A., Bay Area with Symphonic and Jazz Band.

Awards and Recognition:

- 1st place in Lincoln Review of Champions, and Folsom Jazz Festival

**September 2002 –
present**

Classical Piano

Position: piano student, currently recording an album

- Yearly Certificate of Merit Testing (currently Level 10, teacher certification), Honor Recitals (qualified 2009 and 2010).
- Studio recording for album – weekly classes, daily practice.