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## EDUCATION

Glenbrook South High School (GBS) | GPA 4.9/4.0

2020 - Present

▪ Coursework: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Medical Technology, Physics, Statistics

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## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **John Raicu**, Valerie Hayot-Sasson, Kyle Chard, and Ian Foster. "Navigating the Molecular Maze: A Python-Powered Approach to Virtual Drug Screening", IEEE/ACM SuperComputing/SC 2023
  - [2] Jamison Kerney, **John Raicu**, Kyle Chard, Ioan Raicu. "Towards Fine-grained Parallelism in Parsl", under review at IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS) 2024
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## AWARDS

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|---|------------------|
| 1st Place Gold Medal   Illinois High School Chess Championship on Board 4 | 2023             |
| 5th/6th/5th Team Place   Illinois Chess High School Championship          | 2021, 2022, 2023 |
| National Honor Society  | 2023             |
| Varsity Athletic Award   Tennis   | 2023             |
| Athletic Award & Academic Athletic Award   Soccer & Tennis                | 2021, 2022, 2023 |
| Momentum Award   Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra                             | 2021, 2022       |
| Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy   English & Spanish                     | 2021             |

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Research Assistant</b>   Globus Labs, University of Chicago  | Summer 2023    |
| ▪ Ten-week paid internship working under the mentorship of Professors Kyle Chard and Ian Foster         |                |
| ▪ Explored K-Nearest Neighbors machine learning algorithm to accelerate virtual drug screening          |                |
| ▪ Contributed to tutorial "Developing Large-Scale Parallel Programs in Python with Parsl" at TAPIA'23   |                |
| <b>Tutor</b>   Glenbrook South High School  | 2022 - Present |
| ▪ Tutored GBS students 120 hours in the Titan Learning Center for calculus, biology, chemistry, Spanish |                |
| <b>Tutor</b>   Freelance  | 2020 - Present |
| ▪ Tutored six students with one-on-one lessons paid hourly in Algebra I/II and Geometry                 |                |
| <b>Intern</b>   Illinois Institute of Technology  | Summer 2021    |
| ▪ Learned Python, HTML/CSS, and searched gene databases with BLAST in <i>Computers Meets Biology</i>    |                |
| <b>Entrepreneur</b>   J&L   | 2021           |
| ▪ Ran a small business making homemade ice cream and selling it in Glen Oak Acres neighborhood          |                |

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| <b>Musical Therapy</b>   Performed classical music in dual violin and piano trio at Arbor Terrace Senior Living | 2023 |
| <b>Volunteering/Shadowing</b>   Dr. Thomas Gleason, Orthopedic Surgeon, Illinois Bone and Joint Institute       | 2023 |
| <b>Volunteering/Shadowing</b>   Dr. Victor Marinescu, Cardiologist, Midwest Cardiovascular Inst. Naperville     | 2023 |
| <b>Fundraiser</b>   Performed holiday music for a fundraiser at the Romanian Community Center                   | 2022 |
| <b>Musical Therapy</b>   Performed festive music in string ensemble at Warren Barr Lieberman                    | 2020 |

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## EXTRACURRICULARS

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| GBS Medical Chapter Club      | Member (2020 - 2023)   <b>President</b> (2023 - Present)                                      |
| Glenbrook Symphonic Orchestra | 2nd Violin (2020 - 2021)   1st Violin (2021 - 2023)   <b>Principal Chair</b> (2023 - Present) |
| Music Institute of Chicago    | Violin (2010 - Present), Piano (2015 - Present)   |
| GBS Variety Show              | <b>Band Lead</b> , Dangerous (2022)   <b>Band Lead</b> , Pirates of the Caribbean (2023)      |
| GBS Tennis Team               | 2nd Singles (2021)   1st Singles Junior Varsity (2022)   3rd Singles Varsity (2023)           |
| GBS Chess Team                | Board 3 (2021)   Board 5 (2022)   Board 4 (2023)   Board 2, <b>Team Captain</b> (2024)        |
| GBS Table Tennis Team         | 2nd Singles (2020 - 2022)   1st Singles, <b>Team Captain</b> (2023)                           |
| GBS Math Team                 | Member (2021 - 2023)  |
| GBS Paddle Club               | Member (2022)   <b>President</b> (2023)   |
| GBS Soccer Team               | Striker (2020)   Striker (2021)   Left Wing Junior Varsity (2022)                             |
| GBS Freshmen Orchestra        | <b>Concert Master</b> (2020 - 2021)   |

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## SKILLS

**Languages:** English (*native*), Romanian (*native*), Spanish (*fluent*)

**Computer Skills:** Java, Python, HTML, Latex, Jupyter Notebook, GitHub, Overleaf, Docker, UTM, Photoshop, MS Office