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Aspiring Electrical Engineer & Patent Attorney | Researcher | Civic Innovator & Leader

EDUCATION

Math and Science College Preparatory — Los Angeles, CA

Present

Expected Graduation Date: June 2027

GPA: 4.72 (W), 3.95 (UW), Rank: 2/117

Los Angeles Trade Tech College — Los Angeles, CA

Present

A.S. Administrative Justice 27'

GPA: 3.94

Oakwood Secondary School — North Hollywood, CA

Completed 9th Grade

GPA: 4.22 (W), 3.94 (UW)

CIVIC, POLICY & LAW EXPERIENCE

Project Mosaic (Youth Nonprofit) — Global

Jul 2025 - Present

Founder & Director

- Launched a youth-led nonprofit addressing homelessness, poverty, immigrant support, and animal welfare
- Organized monthly donation drives, averaged 2-3 bulk donations per week, and 20+ weekly outreach canvassing
- Built a global volunteer team of 10+ (Florida, San Rafeal, Fayetteville, New York, etc.); secured partnerships with Sweetbakesbym.l., Hands of Love Center, HOPICs, & Project Pulmonary; generated 15k+ digital reach, nearly 200 followers
- Mentored by GRID110 entrepreneur; engaged in fiscal sponsor discussions

Lumiere Independent Research Program — Remote

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

Research Scholar

- Led independent research on immigration-related housing instability under PhD mentorship; fully-funded \$3190 scholarship
- Synthesized qualitative and quantitative data to analyze structural vulnerability
- Received eligibility for publication support through Lumiere Scholarship; in-works publication
- External presentation publication in Lumiere YouTube
- Titled one of highest performing scholars in cohort

CHCI NextGen Latino Leadership Program — Washington, D.C.

June 2026

Scholar

- Top 8% of 80 scholars nationwide; engaging with congressional leaders and policy initiatives
- Promoting civic engagement and Latino representation in policymaking.

PIVOT x Virtutem Populo NextGen Civic Leadership Academy & Civil Rights Intensive — Remote

Jul 2025 - Dec 2025

Fellow

- Conducted comparative policy research on housing insecurity, migration, and civil rights frameworks
- Collaborated with peers from 20+ countries to develop advocacy-driven policy proposals
- Pitched a research-based policy solution for \$200-\$500 in seed funding
- Received mentorship through Amnesty International-affiliated civic leaders; policy brief publication in PIVOT website

Civics Unplugged Innovators Fellowship — Remote

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

Fellow

- Selected into a competitive global fellowship (~10% acceptance rate) focused on civic innovation and systems-level problem solving
- Developed policy ideas addressing social and environmental challenges through collaborative research; landed Top 10 in Solvathon; developed individual policy framework
- Engaged in discussions on democratic systems, ethical technology, and community-centered policy design

TurnUp Activism — Remote

June 2025 - Jul 2025

Civic Research Intern

- Produced 100+ advocacy communications integrating research into action-oriented messaging (immigrant rights, housing access, voting equity, etc.) across outreach channels (Gmail, Newsletters: Downey Patriot & LA Times, Op-eds)
- Crafted persuasive digital text messaging and email campaign content for community mobilization (SMS banking, phone banking, and digital organizing); open-ed email published on The Fresno Bee website

Harvard Academies Virtual Pre-Law Program — Remote

Jul 2025

Participant

- Completed 1-week long structured legal and policy analysis through case simulations addressing governance, equity, and institutional decision-making; \$300 need-based scholarship
- Collaborated in global teams (e.g. New York, New Jersey, India) to evaluate evidence, synthesize arguments, and present policy-aligned positions

- Strengthened analytical reasoning, written advocacy, and professional collaboration skills applicable to public policy research

SPAN, Students for Patient Advocacy Nationwide — Remote, Asynchronous, & Nationwide

Jan 2026 - Present

Policy Analysis

- Analyzed state and federal healthcare legislation to advocate for patient and provider access to quality care
- Drafted and proposed revisions to bills for state legislatures and the U.S. Congress
- Wrote policy briefs and op-eds recommending solutions to existing healthcare legislation
- Contributed to SPAN's public website through published policy work
- Earned SPAN Advocacy Card through sustained policy engagement and volunteer service

YIP, Policy Media — Remote & Asynchronous

Jan 2026 - Present

Public Health Policy Analyst Intern

- Supporting research and analysis for public health and health policy topics, including drafting and refining policy briefs and op-eds for publication on YIP's platform
- Collaborating with the Policy Media team on long-form editing, external outreach, and media polishing to communicate complex health policy issues to academic and public audiences
- Conducting background research and synthesizing information to support policy recommendations and advocacy initiatives

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

ThinkNeuro Software Engineering Internship Experience Program — Remote & Asynchronous

Jan 2026 - Mar 2026

Intern

- Completing a 10-week project-based software engineering program with undergraduate and high school participants from institutions including UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, Brown, and Caltech
- Building practical engineering fundamentals through hands-on coding, collaborative development workflows, and Git-based portfolio projects
- Participating in technical workshops and mentorship led by engineers from Uber, Jane Street, Google, Microsoft, GitHub, NASA, Duolingo, Meta, and Apple
- Contributing to a capstone team project demonstrating applied software engineering skills and collaborative problem-solving

BridgeLA Ethical AI Bootcamp & Los Angeles Urban League — West Los Angeles College, Remote

Feb 2026 - May 2026

Participant

- Selected 1 of 40 from 133+ applicants for workforce training in AI and clean tech (\$536 stipend).
- Building skills in ethical AI, data analysis, dashboards, and clean tech projects through 10-week course (\$1,800 stipend).
- Gaining hands-on experience in career exploration, technical labs, and industry networking.
- Preparing for roles such as Tech Support, Data Coordinator, AI Governance Assistant, or Sustainability Analyst

UNITE-LA Tech Pathways Program — Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

Tech & Career Intern

- Completed 30+ modules including app design fundamentals, professional development, and workplace readiness; 9-week tech exploration focused on professional skills and innovation design
- Built a capstone project applying software fundamentals and user-centered design; Collaborated in teams to research, prototype, and pitch technology-based solutions
- Strengthened networking, communication, and project management competencies
- Earned 3 industry certifications: Generative AI, Cybersecurity, Software Development; \$275 scholarship

ThinkNeuro LLC: Neuroscience & Data Analytics Research — Remote & Asynchronous

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

Intern

- Conducted RStudio-based data analysis and visualization supporting interdisciplinary neuroscience research; translated complex datasets into clear visual outputs
- Supported presentation of findings in collaborative research forums for capstone project
- Applied advanced analytical methods with collaboration from diverse university researchers and scholars, including collegiates from UCLA, UPenn, USC, UC Berkeley, etc
- Received \$100 scholarship in recognition for academic excellence

ACE Mentor Program of America — Los Angeles, CA

Oct 2025 - Present

Engineering Intern

- Participating in a year-long engineering mentorship program focused on design thinking, problem solving, and technical collaboration
- Working in teams with professional engineers to develop real-world project concepts and presentations (presenting in auditorium, competing amongst 20+ schools to develop an architecture/engineering concept/project based on a prompt and constraints)
- Gaining exposure to engineering disciplines, technical workflows, and industry-standard project planning

Technical Skills — Asynchronous

Aug 2024 - Present

Independent Learning

- Web & Software: Intro Python, AI fundamentals, data visualization, javascript, terminal, visual studio code, CAD, MIT App Inventor; working knowledge of digital platforms, with ongoing self-directed learning in HTML/CSS and digital tools (Canva, analytics software)
- Rigorous, computational-related coursework, including PLTW CSP Essentials and AP CSP; engineering experience through PLTW Intro to

Engineering

Pink Policy — Remote

Chief Technology Officer

Jan 2026 - Present

- Setting vision for digital presence; working on the creation of Pink Policy's website & any future digital projects
- Leading the adoptions of the new technologies and systems when strategically beneficial
- Anticipating digital needs; leading innovation in serving a global audience
- Experience with Wix, HTML, CSS, and Javascript

PSYCHOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH

Youth Mental Health Academy, Child Mind Institute — Compton, CA

June 2025 - Present

Research Intern

- Researched youth mental health access and equity; developed policy-informed capstone project; presented findings to 60+ students and educators
- Earned a \$2,160 stipend for producing evidence-based recommendations; returning for Year 2
- Enhanced skills in mentorship collaboration and evidence-based evaluation

USC Neuroscience Camp, USC InterAxon — USC

Nov 2024

Participant

- Experienced one-day on-campus hands-on neuroscience activities, such as lab tours, guest lectures, and mind games
- Strengthened analytical and data interpretation skills

Psyches of Color Workforce Development Psychology Internship, Pre College Track — Los Angeles

Jan 2026 - Present

Intern

- Selective program with 2 interview rounds
- Participating in workshops focused on mental health pathways, youth programming, and community-based nonprofit functions
- Developing skills in mentorship, curriculum creation, and culturally responsive mental health education; 4hrs/week; \$1000 stipend

LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Project Glimmer Girls' Empowerment Academy — Remote

Oct 2025 - Present

Mentor

- Completed 6-week leadership development, civic engagement, financial knowledge, and community impact; earned \$250 stipend
- Selected as mentor for incoming cohorts; trained to facilitate workshops and peer collaboration; guided 6 peers in leadership skill building

DemocraShe Spring Flagship Program — Remote

Feb 2026 - May 2026

Participant

- Completing 10-week leadership and resilience program; participating in 2-hour weekly sessions; \$300 stipend; ~14% acceptance rate
- Engaging in workshops on public speaking, advocacy, community action, and personal development; connecting with young women nationwide and accessed alumnae networking opportunities

SweetBakesbyM.L — Los Angeles, CA

Mar 2025 - Present

Co-Founder & Operator

- Designed, baked, and sold custom desserts both in-person and online, generating \$1,000+ in first month
- Managed social media promotions, created digital content, and grew online engagement across platforms
- Oversaw cash, inventory, and customer interactions while maintaining high standards of professionalism, safety, and quality presentation
- Coordinated for production and marketing, demonstrating leadership and project management skills

UCLA Riordan Scholars Program — UCLA Anderson School of Management

Sep 2025 - Present

Scholar

- Selected as 1 of ~ 50 scholars for a competitive academic and leadership development program
- Applying business analytics and data-driven reasoning research for capstone project
- Engaged in structured mentorship, leadership training, and community-focused projects emphasizing equity and long-term impact

Wellth Living Community Building & Outreach — Remote

Jan 2026 - Present

Volunteer Global Ambassador

- Expanding global outreach and representing Wellth Living's mission to cultivate conscious leadership and collective well-being.
- Collaborating with a multicultural team on community engagement, marketing, and research initiatives.
- Recognized through website feature; dedicated to committee projects, promoting cross-cultural connection and social impact.
- Developing leadership, communication, and project management skills while supporting meaningful global initiatives.

Herbalife — Torrance, CA

Feb 2026

Recruiter Participant

- Referred participants for a 90-min wellness & lifestyle research study discussion on emerging trends and technologies; received \$150 referral bonus.

Project Pulmonary (Non-profit) — Lynwood & Los Angeles, CA	Jan 2026 - Present
<i>Regional President</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading local chapter providing pulmonary rehabilitation and health education for firefighters exposed to wildfire carcinogens; grew committee to 7 members in 1 day • Organizing donation drives, care packages, letter-writing initiatives, fundraisers, policy outreach, and community events across 3 high schools (MSCP, Animo Inglewood, South East HS) • Managing logistics, outreach, and communications; developed chapter social media presence, gaining ~150 followers in 2–3 weeks and fundraised \$100+ to support firefighters • Recognized as chapter president on official Project Pulmonary social media 	
Kaiser Permanente Volunteer — Los Angeles, CA	Sep 2025 - Present
<i>Red Vest Concierge</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 40+ hours assisting patients and visitors with directions and discharge support; patience & empathy, transitioning to Silver Angel 	
National Honor Society — Los Angeles, CA	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Aug 2024 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing chapter finances, strategic fundraising, and budget planning; raised 1k+ for immigration, breast cancer, AIDS walk, Guatemalan children, etc., in collaboration with clubs like SHS, StuCo, Culinary, Robotics, and more. 	
Robotics Club — Los Angeles, CA	Aug 2025 - Present
<i>Presidential Intern</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting 20+ members in team logistics, presentations, and organizational growth 	
Culinary Club — Los Angeles, CA	Aug 2025 - Present
<i>President</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading 30+ members through meetings, fundraising events, and culinary workshops; managing collaboration, scheduling, and logistics 	
Cheer Team — Los Angeles, CA	Aug 2025 - Present
<i>Co-Manager</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating team events, finances, and equipment logistics 	
Student Council & Spanish Honor Society — Los Angeles, CA	Aug 2024 - Present
<i>Member</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in schoolwide event planning, cultural promotion, and student advocacy 	
Varsity Soccer — Los Angeles, CA	2021- Present
<i>Team Athlete</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and leadership across 3+ seasons 	
A Better Chance (ABC) Scholars Program — National, Remote	2021 - Present
<i>Scholar/Alumni</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received mentorship, SAT prep, college counseling, and leadership training; gained admission to Oakwood Secondary (~15% acceptance rate) and Episcopal School (~40% acceptance rate); \$92k+ in need-based scholarships. 	
Painter & Cleaner — Los Angeles, CA	Jan 2024 - Present
<i>Parent Affiliated Independent Work</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided support in cleaning & painting services for clients with clear communication • Translated between English & Spanish; maintained punctuality & professionalism; followed instructions with attention to detail 	
Eco-Apparel — Los Angeles, CA	Aug 2024 - June 2025
<i>Social Media Manager</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed content creation and scheduling across platforms, increasing engagement through targeted posts aligned to sustainability campaigns • Utilized analytics to evaluate reach, optimize posting times, and tailor communications to audience trends 	
National Speech & Debate Association — North Hollywood, CA	Aug 2023 - 2024
<i>World School Debate Member</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced public speaking, analytical thinking, and research skills; participated in gathering funds for club improvement 	
Somos Unidos	Aug 2023 - 2024
<i>Member</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted cultural awareness, organized Hispanic Heritage Month events, such as murals, pinata traditions, potlucks, and inviting authors 	

OTHER

Personal Painting & Drawing — Asynchronous	2013 - Present
<i>Independent Learner & Artist</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed advanced painting and drawing skills over 13 years through self-directed practice and exploration • Independently replicated complex images and compositions, honing precision, attention to detail, and visual problem-solving • Explored creative expression and personal style across mediums, cultivating discipline, patience, and sustained focus • Applied artistic skills to personal projects, enhancing observational abilities and translating ideas into visual formats • Cartonistic, semi-realism, realism in people, objects, sceneries, etc.; digital art and traditional hand-drawn art expertise 	

Duolingo — Asynchronous*Independent Learner*

- Achieved intermediate proficiency in French (score 109) and Italian (score 37); maintained 1,409-day streak and Diamond League status
- Strengthened discipline and language skills through consistent daily practice (1–2 hours), demonstrating persistence and commitment

SKILLS**Policy & Research:** Policy Analysis, Systems Thinking, Research Synthesis, Data Interpretation**Technical & Engineering:** RStudio, Data Visualization, Intro Python, AI & Cybersecurity, UX Fundamentals**Leadership & Communication:** Public Speaking, Facilitation, Cross-Cultural Collaboration, Project Management**Languages:** Bilingual (English & Spanish), Intermediate (French), Beginner (Italian)**HONORS & PUBLICATIONS**

- **Topical Winner, My World Section, Fall 2025 Anthology, American High School Poets Contest (>2%)** — Published on Amazon and in physical copies (Oct 2025) (focused on advocacy)
- **Merit Award, ShowCase Young Writers** — Published Poem in physical anthology (Dec 2025) (delves into psychological themes)
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- **Polyphony Lit:**
 - **Seasonal Contest Finalist (Winter 2026):** Selected as finalist and winner (1 of 3) from a pool of 1,000+ submissions; poem to be published in *Polyphony Lit Winter 2026 Volume* (Feb 2026) with accompanying written interview
 - **Seasonal Contest Finalist (Spring 2026):** Selected as finalist and winner (1 of 3) from 1,000+ submissions; poem to be published in *Polyphony Lit Spring 2026 Volume* (May 2026) with accompanying written interview
 - **Polyphony Lit Voices Blog Contributor:** Poem selected from 1,000+ submissions for publication in the upcoming series “*The Kiss of Our Latin Culture*” (June 2026), with written interview to be published
 - Awarded a **full scholarship** (\$99 value) to the editorial training course “*How to Be a Literary Editor*”
- **Part-Time Dean’s Honor List, Los Angeles City College** — Recognized for sustained academic excellence with GPA above 3.5 across 15+ units; demonstrates high-level commitment, talent, and consistent effort.
- **Scholar, A Better Chance National Program (~30% acceptance rate)** — Awarded \$92K+ in scholarships for independent schools (2022-Present)

CERTIFICATIONS

- PIVOT Civil Rights Intensive Certificate (2025) • ThinkNeuro Bibliometrics (2025) • Lumiere Independent Research Program Certificate (2025)
- Civics Unplugged Innovators Certificate
 - Generative AI, Cybersecurity, Software Development (TPA, LinkedIn Learning 2025)
 - NextGen Civic Leadership Academy (2025)
 - Harvard Pre-Law Certificate (2025)
 - YMHA Certificate of Completion (2025)
 - TurnUp General Internship Certificate
 - Staxi Best Practice Education Certificate (2025)
 - YMHA Adolescent Crisis Response (ACR, 2025)
 - TurnUp Activism Relational Organizing (2025)
 - UCLA CPR & AED (2025-27)
 - USC Neuroscience Camp (2024)
 - Impact Personal Safety: Power & Purpose Self-Defense Certified (2024)