

Peter Zhang

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Summary

I am a successful LD debater with a passion for teaching. My experience building my high school's program and working as a instructor gives me the key skills and perspectives for helping a program succeed.

Work Experience

Applied Economics Intern Jun 2020–Present

National Institute of Standards and Technology; Dr. Jennifer Helgeson

- Review and annotate 50+ cost-benefit analyses of resiliency projects
- Writing case study for valuing co-benefits of fire-proof infrastructure

Lab Leader Jun 2020

War Room Debate; Austin, TX; Aimun Khan, Director

- Produced starter pack and demo round for an LD curriculum
- Led lab of 15 students for two weeks of daily drills and practice debates

Web/Research Assistant Dec 2018–Jun 2020

Premier Debate; Los Angeles, CA; Bob Overing, Director

- Authored 20+ PF & LD briefs used by thousands of debaters
- Design and maintain webpages at premierdebate.com

Middle School Coach Apr 2018–Jun 2020

Self-Employed; Rockville, MD

- Taught 10 middle schoolers PF weekly during the school year
- Organized and directed an affordable 2-week summer camp in 2019

Education

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA 2020–Present

Economics & Computer Science BA; 4.0 GPA

Montgomery Blair High School Silver Spring, MD 2016–2020

Science, Mathematics and Computer Science Magnet Program; 3.95 GPA

Activities

Blair Debate Team President Sep 2016–Jun 2020

- Founded national circuit team and recruited 20 PF/LD debaters
- Planned and led weekly practices with 30+ in attendance
- Coordinated logistics and registration with parents and admins for 15 tournaments each year
- Led team to achieve Maryland state championship, 13 bids, & 3rd Sweepstakes at TOC

Awards

National Speech and Debate Tournament; LD 11th Place & 6th Speaker Jun 2020

Tournament of Champions; LD Quarterfinalist Apr 2020

Washington-Arlington Catholic Forensic League; LD Champion Mar 2020

Harvard National Forensics Tournament; LD Finalist Feb 2020

University of Pennsylvania Tournament; LD Finalist Feb 2020

John Edie Holiday Debates (Blake); LD Champion & 6th Speaker Dec 2019

Scarsdale Invitational; LD Quarterfinalist & 3rd Speaker Nov 2019

Yale Invitational; LD Semifinalist Sep 2019

Great Communicators Debate; National Quarterfinalist Aug 2019

Maryland State Championship; LD Champion & Top Speaker Mar 2019

Apple Valley Minnieapple Debate; PF 10th Speaker Nov 2018