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**University of California, San Diego**                      La Jolla, California  
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**Trinity College**                      Hartford, Connecticut  
BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology                      May 2016  
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Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship                      2022  
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Spot Award                      2017  
*Broad Institute*  
Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honors Society                      2014  
*Trinity College*  
NESCAC Winter All-Academic Team                      2014  
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Research experience

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*Gage Lab, Salk Institute for Biological Studies*                      La Jolla, California  
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**Undergraduate Researcher**

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