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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
Minor in Models and Data

Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2022
National Science Foundation (NSF)
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

PhD Student 2020 – Present
Gage Lab, Salk Institute for Biological Studies La Jolla, California
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Research Associate 2016 – 2020
Regev Lab, Broad Institute Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Undergraduate Researcher

2014 – 2016

Meyerson Lab, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

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Trinity College

Hartford, Connecticut

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