James Underwood

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education

Upper Arlington High School (2019-2023)

GPA (weighted): 4.3045

ACT: 35

selected activities & extracurriculars

Managing Editor, *Arlingtonian* Student Newsmagazine (2021-present) *Previously Staff Writer* (2020-21); *elected Editor in Chief* (2022-23)

- Work closely with Editor in Chief and teacher advisor to produce Ohio's #1-ranked high school newsmagazine
- Write articles, engaging with sources including state legislators, school administrators, and students
- Edit stories in accordance with AP Style and lay out pages using Adobe InDesign

Class Communications Chair / Secretary (2020-present)

- Elected twice to serve the student body
- Meet regularly with school administrators to offer student input
- Host townhalls
- Helped plan prom created graphics and promotional materials, designed souvenir coasters, and helped make decoration and venue decisions

UAHS Student Innovation Team (2021-present)

- Coordinated training for 16 volunteers to host a help desk during class scheduling week
- Helped plan UA Idea Week to offer students interactive experiences to engage with new ideas

Founder & President, UAHS German Club (2020-present)

- Re-started club after a yearslong hiatus, building up membership from scratch
- Formed partnerships with German schools, culminating in a package exchange
- Plan and host cultural events

Attorney, UAHS Mock Trial

honors, awards & other

- Ohio Scholastic Media Association (2021)
 - Won four awards for student journalism
- Cum Laude Society (2022)
- Syntero Catalyst for Positive Change Awards (2022)
 - One of two students nominated to represent UAHS at a program keynoted by former Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton
- Selected panelist, Leadership UA High School Freshman Program (2022)
- Winner, UA Optimist Oratorical Contest (2022)