

# ROBERT GAMA

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## EDUCATION

**Claremont McKenna College**, Claremont, CA

May 2028

*Bachelor of Arts, Economics-Accounting*

- GPA: 3.6
- Kravis Scholar
- Relevant Coursework: Intermediate Accounting, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Organizational Psychology

**The School of Arts and Enterprise**, Pomona, CA

May 2024

*High School Diploma, Advanced Visual and Ceramics Arts*

- GPA: 4.0
- Awards: Valedictorian, Academic Distinction, AP Scholar with Distinction

## EXPERIENCE

**Claremont McKenna College Appel Writing Scholars**, Asia and the Western United States

Feb 2024 – Present

*Appel Fellow*

- Awarded selective fellowship (~10% acceptance) to travel and research waste systems in Asia and the U.S.
- Conducted field research and community interviews to analyze global sustainability policy, markets, and accessibility
- Produced a journal and article blending a comparative policy and economic analysis of each country with practical sustainability strategies for enhancing waste accessibility, inclusion, and local participation

**Cariño Botánica**, Inland Empire, CA

Oct 2021 – Present

*Co-Owner and Co-Founder*

- Founded and operate a zero-waste refill market offering 200+ sustainable, package-free household and personal care products
- Served over 4,000 customers, primarily in underrepresented communities, and generated \$75K+ in revenue through inclusive, mission-driven retail and sourcing
- Managed and trained a 6-person functional team in retail and accounting, improving overall operational efficiency by 25%+

**Leyva Financial**, Covina, CA

Jul 2023 – Aug 2024

*Administrative, Technology, and Marketing Assistant*

- Implemented innovative client and contract file system, streamlining 100+ files and increasing agent efficiency by 20%+
- Created marketing materials that helped connect 100+ low-income Hispanic families with life insurance services

**Ride Detail**, Los Angeles County, CA

Jun 2020 – Jun 2022

*Owner and Founder*

- Built pricing, scheduling, and automotive detailing systems, increasing client return rate by 40% across 20+ customers
- Managed all business operations (e.g. marketing, service delivery, and finances) generating \$5,000+ in revenue

## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Member: Claremont McKenna College Scholars of Finance*

Sep 2025 – Present

- Selected for inaugural chapter to participate in leadership training, mentorship, and programming on ethics in finance

*Orientation Leader and Mentor: Claremont McKenna College Dean of Students Office*

Sep 2025 – Present

- Appointed as 1 of 5 core leaders to plan First Year Guide (FYG) training for 60+ orientation leaders
- Co-lead 20 first-years, organizing 30+ bonding activities, managing orientation logistics, and supporting first-year transition

*Finance Officer and Member: Mariachi Serrano de Claremont*

Sep 2025 – Present

- Restarted Mariachi Serrano after 9-year pause, securing funding and rebuilding membership across the 5 Claremont Colleges
- Manage \$2,000 annual budget for instructor payments, instruments, attire, operations, and events

*Fellow: Randall Lewis Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship*

Sep 2024 – Present

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Google Workspace, Excel, PowerPoint, AI tools, Canva, Photoshop, Square

Languages: English (AmE.) native proficiency, Spanish (Lat. Am.) native proficiency

Interests: Boulderling, yoga, zero-waste, landscaping, functional pottery, landscape oil painting