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EDUCATION

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Bachelor of Arts: May 2025

Majors: Political Science, Statistics

GPA: 3.79

Minor: Data Science

Statistics Courses: Causal Inference (department award for presentation); Statistical Genetics; Machine Learning; Probability; Introduction to Database Management; Projects in Data Science; Intermediate Data Science

Political Science Courses: Senior Research Seminar (presented research at Pi Sigma Alpha Conference in April 2025); TA for US Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; Research Methods; Law, Economy, and Identity

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Admissions Visit Assistant, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

September 2022 - May 2025

- Led several campus tours per week to prospective students and their families
- Chatted with high school students and connect their interests with available activities at Macalester

Promoted in January 2024 - Additional Responsibilities:

- Coordinated and trained student tour guides
- Stood in for professional staff when necessary (e.g. moderated Q&A panels and welcomed guests)
- Ensured a smooth transition and respond to differing needs in various stages of the admissions season
- Assisted with tasks around the Admissions office as needed

Boards and Commissions Intern, Office of Governor Walz, St. Paul, MN

September 2023 - December 2023

- Vetted applicants for Minnesota boards and commissions
- Synthesized information about candidates into briefs
- Analyzed demographic data of appointees to Boards and Commissions
- Collaborated with professional staff to create pertinent graphs

Campaign Intern, Nystrom for Congress, Duluth, MN

May 2020 - November 2020

- Called over 2,000 potential and unlikely voters
- Composed "letters to the editor" to local newspapers attempting to persuade readers to support Quinn Nystrom
- Conducted "Get out the Vote" phone calls to encourage voters to go to the polls

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mock Trial Competitor, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

September 2021 - February 2025

Competed for three years, including one year on Macalester's "A" team

- Engaged in critical thinking and problem solving in high-pressure environments
- Collaborated with a team to construct case theories and prepare for tournaments
- Demonstrated strong public speaking and persuasion skills by presenting complex arguments before judges
- Recipient of the Charles W. Ferguson Endowed Prize in Public Speaking

Coached "C" team in 2025 season

- Advised and mentored first-year competitors on strategy, performance, and other related activities
- Guided C team to the best performance of a Macalester C team since 1998
- Recipient of the "Peer Mentor Award" at Macalester College for my contributions

Staff Writer, The Mac Weekly, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

September 2024 - Present

- Researched newsworthy stories that impact Macalester students
- Interviewed relevant staff or students with related personal knowledge or experience
- Wrote concise news articles about specific college events or plans

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society

March 2025 - Present

- Presented at conference in April 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in R and RStudio, Microsoft Excel and Office; Basic knowledge of Python, Tableau, SQL