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Background

Strong academic performer, passionate about math, physics, computer science, and increasing educational access for all. Former competitive beach volleyball player on the US national team.

Academics

- 4.5 weighted GPA (4.0 unweighted)
- 1590 SAT (99.9th %ile)
- Advanced Placement (AP) coursework and distinction:
 - 10 completed, all with 5/5 AP test score: Calculus BC, Physics C: Mechanics, Chemistry, Statistics, Language & Composition, US History, Calculus AB, Literature, Biology, Spanish
 - AP Scholar with Distinction
- Other advanced coursework: Multivariable Calculus, Intermediate Python, Number Theory, Combinatorics, Web Design, Advanced Mechanics.

Awards, Honors, and Achievements

Jun. 2022 | Atherton Police Activities League Scholarship Winner

- Awarded \$5,000 for outstanding leadership experience, community experience, and athletic participation.

Jun. 2022 | Kiwanis Club Scholarship Winner

- Awarded \$7,500 for commitment to academics and service.

Mar. 2022 | College Honors

- *UCLA Regents Scholarship Nominee*: One of 220 out of 150,000 applicants invited to compete for UCLA's Regents scholarship.
- *UC Berkeley SEED Scholarship Nominee*: One of 300 out of 120,000 applicants invited to compete for UC Berkeley's SEED scholarship.
- Awarded \$1.1 M total in merit scholarships.

Mar. 2022 | National Merit Scholarship Recipient

- Earned top 1% PSAT/SAT score to become a finalist; the only one of 17 finalists in high school to earn \$2500 scholarship.

Mar. 2022 | F=ma Physics Exam, 1st Place

- Scored highest in high school out of invitees for the F=ma Exam.

Feb. 2022 | Faculty Departmental Award for Mathematics

- Highest mathematics recognition, given to 2 students out of a class of 570.

Feb. 2022 | Silicon Valley Realtors Scholarship Winner

- Selected of the three nominees in graduating class of 570, who were nominated for exemplary academic records and community involvement. Awarded \$1500.

Jun. 2021 | Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

- 1 nominee per school, recognizes outstanding achievement and superior intellectual promise in the sciences.

Jan. 2021 | American Mathematics Competition, 1st Place

- Scored highest out of 1000+ juniors and seniors in high school; AIMEE qualified.

Mar. 2019 - Mar. 2020 | USA National High Performance Team

- 1 of 24 selected for the USA national high-performance team.

Dec. 2018 - Mar. 2020 | Top Beach Volleyball Player in Northern California

- #1 Beach Volleyball Player in Northern California; top 20 nationally.

Other Honors & Achievements

- Team captain of club volleyball team in 8th & 9th grade
- National History Day Regionals Qualifier (1 of 3 websites to advance from school)
- National Honors Society member (applied & selected).

Volunteer Experience, Club Activities, and Community Projects

Aug. 2021 - Present | Head Organizer of Physics Tutoring

- Recruited, trained 8 tutors that tutored up to 40 students per session 5x per week.
- Created information campaigns to raise awareness of tutoring opportunities.
- Collaborated on video to increase ethnic and gender diversity in AP Sciences

Aug. 2021 - Present | President of Physics Club

- Organized the USA Physics Olympiad Qualification Exam at school; led, coordinated 10-person team.
- Led review sessions at lunch. Created concept sheets, problem-solving guides, assigned problem sets, organized after-school physics activities.

Aug. 2020 - Present | Co-President of the Girls Who Code Club, an organization that promotes female engagement in computer science.

- Planned and led Python lessons, focusing on using code to solve everyday problems.
- Created exercise sets for practice and tutored peers.

Other Scholastic Clubs: Step Up Club (Co-President); National Honors Society; Freshman Transition Leader (nominated by teachers); We Club; Care Bears Club

Professional Experience

Aug. 2020 - Oct. 2021 | Intern at AVPFfirst, a non-profit that improves the well-being of underprivileged youth through beach volleyball.

- Raised \$3.5K to get underserved kids into beach volleyball.
- Grew 1,000 Instagram followers to 6,500. Created a series of posts spotlighting volleyball professionals that got 3x more engagement than previous posts.
- Promoted from Social Media Assistant to Manager.

Jun. 2021 - Oct. 2021 | Intern at Kunduz, an education app designed to provide students with interactive help on their homework.

- Tested app, analyzed product fit for US. Proposed solutions to improve product appeal and presented these to the founders; three solutions will be implemented in future versions.
- Published 3 math & physics articles.
- Extended internship upon request.

May 2020 - Jul. 2020 | Intern at Kynami, a social media app that connects Christians through sharing prayers.

- Analyzed top social media apps on the platform, used coding to find common traits among the strongest competitors' App Store presences.
- Created App Store and Google Play Store advertisements; recommended a new color palette; suggested app features and marketing strategies effective to target people in my age group.
 - All recommendations implemented by VP Marketing.

May 2018 - Mar. 2020 | Sports Instructor at Red Rock Volleyball

- Instructed children aged 11-14 three times per week to improve beach volleyball skills and develop the beach volleyball community in Northern California.
- Lead weekly practices in the Pebbles program, a weekly volleyball summer camp.

Other Skills

- Strong court and beach volleyball player; stopped competitive playing due to back fracture.
- Fluent in Russian, proficient in Spanish.
- Working knowledge of Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript