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EDUCATION

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Academic Areas of Interest: Mathematics, Statistics, Psychology, Sociology

Scholarships: Whitman Need-Based International Scholarship

Minerva University, San Francisco, CA

Graduation: April 2023

Areas of Education: Arts & Humanities, Computer Science, Natural Science, Social Science

Club/Activities: Worked on a project with the CEO of the start-up company Borderless.so to devise the structure of a search algorithm that could facilitate the process of searching universities for high school students

India International School in Japan, 3-1-4 Sengoku, Koto-ku, Tokyo 135-0015

Diploma March 2022

Placed 2nd out of entire school in an essay writing competition about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a former deputy prime minister of India; placed 3rd regionally (New Delhi) and 72nd internationally in the SilverZone French Olympiad

Club/Activities: Was part of the soccer club, volunteered to lead in organizing and arranging in-school events, attended sessions on human rights within the context of Myanmar after the Coup d'Etat, Fukushima 10 years after its earthquake, the world during COVID-19, and the fall of Hong Kong

SKILLS

- Speak English, Japanese, Korean (conversational and not much technical words), and French (conversational and currently brushing up on it)
- Interact with people from culturally different backgrounds; have an open-mind
- Lead most of the group projects within my school (and few at Minerva University)
- Can use multiple organization softwares (such as Excel, Word, and Google Calendar)
- Be attentive and listen carefully to other people speaking
- Include people in conversations and make sure everyone's voices are heard
- Stay ambitious, committed, and determined for however long
- Type quickly with minimal errors
- Be open to opposing opinions and ideas

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Borderless.so, Chiba, Japan

September 2022 – April 2023

Project member

- Worked remotely with a start-up business to come up with the structure of a program that could facilitate the search process for universities for high school students
- Worked for two semesters every day to come up with the most effective algorithm possible
- Arranged weekly meetings with project and business partners to share ideas, come up with new ones, and remove redundant ones
- Designed an algorithm with project partners that asks certain questions pertaining to academic interests and provides an output of a list of ten best-fit universities that can guide you for a better search

JP-Club, Whitman College

Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

President

- Will be taking up the president position for the JP-Club on campus
- Will be organizing multiple events to promote the Japanese culture and traditions to students and faculty of Whitman College, as well as the Walla Walla community
- Will be the point of contact for any questions and the face of the Japanese community on campus

Japanese Department/Community Instagram, Whitman College

Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Manager and Content Creator

- Will be working as a content creator and the manager for the Whitman Japanese Department and Community Instagram
- Use my position as a content creator and the president of the JP-Club to spread Japanese culture and traditions
- Will invite people to events that I arrange to celebrate Japanese culture

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Human Rights Now, *Student*, Chiba, Japan

2022

- Discussed about the state of human rights in different prominent events and how it could improve
- Had three group sessions with other students and one one-on-one session with the lecturer

INTERESTS

- Mythology, myths, legends, and tales from different countries and cultures
- Boxing and trying out outdoor activities
- Typing documents (had typed out a 10-page document once for an event my father was helping arrange)
- The science behind therapy and understanding people's emotions
- Criminology and its statistics