**Washington Z. Zhao**

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**Education**

**University of Southern California Los Angeles, California**

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences: *Bachelor of Science in Economics Mathematics* *Expected May 2022*

Viterbi School of Engineering: *Double Major in Computer Science* SAT: 1530 | Math II SAT: 800

**Thomas S. Wootton High School** – Rockville, Maryland **Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.0**

*High School Diploma* *May 2018*

**Work Experience**

**Guangdong University of Foreign Studies Guangdong, China**

*Camp Instructor* *July 2018* – *Aug. 2018*

* Mentored 100 middle and high school local students in public speaking, research, teamwork, and argumentation
* Assisted Program Director with curriculum improvement, feedback collection, and classroom logistics

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration White Oak, Maryland**

*Student Researcher/Intern* *June 2017* – *Sept. 2017*

* Worked in 3-person team to investigate and validate new protocol for surgical device reprocessing to prevent future outbreak of disease (with presently over 2 million annual infections)
* Conducted 30 tests to evaluate efficiency of OPA reagent in detecting protein residue compared to current hospital standards and documented results
* Presented research poster at Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories to over 100 managers and attendees

**Child Poverty Research Institute Los Angeles, California (Remote)**

*Legislation Analyst June 2017* – *Aug. 2017*

* Analyzed opposing political viewpoints on active house legislation and summarized findings in 10-page reports
* Managed multiple ongoing projects and practiced time management, met deadlines, and directed research

**Leadership Experience**

**Competitive Speech and Debate Team Rockville, Maryland**

*Captain Feb. 2016 – June 2018*

* Led team of over 200 debaters of all ages to excel in nationwide debate competitions on current events
* Implemented more effective promotional and organizational methods to increase club membership, attendance, and event participation by 15%
* Oversaw research efforts and competition logistics to result in team’s most successful season

**Varsity Ultimate Frisbee Team Rockville, Maryland**

*Co-Captain, Scoring Leader Sept. 2016 – May 2018*

* Joined team’s inaugural season and led as scoring leader with 25 goals over first year
* Worked with 15 teammates to win USA Ultimate 2018 Maryland High School State Championships

**Community Involvement**

**Family Services Inc. Gaithersburg, Maryland**

*Academic Tutor June 2017 – Aug. 2017*

* Tutor middle school students from under-privileged communities in core school subjects (an area with 15% poverty rate *–* almost triple rate of surrounding communities)

**Community Pool Services Gaithersburg, Maryland**

*CPR Certified Lifeguard May 2016 – Aug. 2016*

* Managed team of lifeguards to maintain pool quality and ensure safety of patrons
* Developed skills in effective operational management skills, communication, patience, and mentorship

**Skills, Activities, and Interests**

**Technical Skills and Languages**: C++ (Intermediate), Microsoft Office (Advanced); Mandarin Chinese (Bilingual)

**Debate Accolades and Awards**: Westchester Debate Classic, Champion (1st of 38 Teams); National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Championship, First Seed Qualification (Chesapeake Bay Region), Gold Tournament of Champions (Top 5% of Debaters Nationally)

**Interests**: Pittsburgh Steelers, eSports, Skiing, Clarinet, Personal Fitness