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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Class of 2028

A.B. Candidate in History

GPA: 4.0

Selected Coursework: Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy, “What is a Republic?”, Byzantine Civilization, Humanities 10: A Colloquium, The Cosmos of the Divine Comedy, Political Thought of the American Founding, Germany: 1848-1949.

Northridge Preparatory School, Niles, IL

Class of 2024

GPA: 99.84%

SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 770

SAT Math: 770

Honors:

Valedictorian

Dean’s List (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) (all semesters)

Academic Achievement Award (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)

AP Scholar with Distinction Award (11th, 12th)

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student (12th)

Illinois State Scholar (12th)

Dave Burns Award (Scholar Athlete) (12th)

History Department Award (12th)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mexico Service Project, Monterrey, NL, Mexico

June - July 2025

Staff

Help to direct a 2-week program for 13 high school students in San Angel, a struggling neighborhood in Monterrey. Deliver a talk to the group on commitment to one’s ideals in college life. Meet the students for one-on-one mentoring conversations. Guide the students through the project’s phases: constructing permanent homes for local families, hosting a camp for the children of San Angel, and making excursions to traditional Mexican cultural sites.

American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

June 2025

Summer Honors Program

Contribute to a week-long seminar considering “Liberalism and the Common Good.” Explore how liberal regimes balance individual preferences with social and moral goods. Engage with AEI’s public policy researchers and their work.

Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

June - August 2025

Heritage Academy Fellow

Participate in online lectures, discussion panels, and small group meetings with researchers and fellows from the Heritage Foundation to understand the goals of the conservative political movement.

YSI Leadership Camp, Lafayette, IN

June 2021, June 2024

Junior Counselor, Senior Counsellor

Direct a group of 10 boys through a week of instruction, religious formation, and competition with other teams. Serve as a mentor for 4 specific campers.

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

Thomistic Institute, Cambridge, MA

September 2025 - Present

Board Member, Harvard University Chapter

Coordinate monthly guest lectures and a weekly reading group. The Thomistic Institute aims to provide modern universities access to the Scholastic intellectual tradition.

Bach Society Orchestra, Cambridge, MA

September 2024 - Present

Member | Cellist

Rehearse and perform baroque, classical, and romantic repertoire with Harvard's leading chamber orchestra. All players, managers, and conductors are undergraduates.

Cellissimo Cello Ensemble, Western Springs, IL

9th - 12th

Member | Cellist

Learn, memorize, rehearse, and perform a variety of challenging pieces with a group of high school cellists. Perform as ensemble without conductor; members lead the group in specific pieces and perform at various community venues.

Sauganash Study Center, Chicago, IL

9th - 12th

President of the Student Council

Receive religious formation and guidance for the practical Catholic life. Coordinate activities on Saturdays for 30 high school students, including visits to the homeless in downtown Chicago and other volunteer activities.

SPORTS

Cross Country, Northridge Prep

10th - 12th

Captain | Varsity Letter (10th, 11th & 12th) | ISL All-Conference Honors (10th, 11th & 12th) | ISL Individual Conference Champion (12th)

Indoor Track and Field, Northridge Prep

9th - 12th

Captain

Outdoor Track and Field, Northridge Prep

9th - 12th

Captain | Varsity Letter (10th, 11th & 12th) | ISL All-Conference Honors (10th, 11th & 12th) | IHSA Class 1A All-State Honors: 4 x 800m Relay Team (12th)

SEMINARS

Abigail Adams Institute, Cambridge, MA

These two-day conferences aim to ensure that students at modern research universities receive a balanced education in the liberal arts.

Friedrich List Revisited

September 2025

Discuss List's *National System of Political Economy* and its relevance for American tariff policy.

Adam Smith

March 2025

Discuss Smith's social theory in *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* and *Wealth of Nations*.

Democracy in America

November 2024

Examine the political theory of Alexis de Tocqueville in *Democracy in America*.

Univ Forum 2024: The Human Factor, Rome, Italy

March 2024

Present a research paper entitled, *Artificial Epistemology: Comparing Human and Machine Learning*, to a panel of judges at an academic conference in Rome. Discuss the role of the human intellect in a world of artificial intelligence with European and American students.

Witherspoon Institute: The Moral Life and the Classical Tradition, Princeton, NJ

June 2023

Participate in a week-long seminar led by college faculty covering contemporary moral issues and the ethical teachings of Plato and Aristotle.

SKILLS

Proficient in Spanish