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EDUCATION

Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

GPA: 3.47/4.0

B.A. in Applied Mathematics and History | Secondary in Statistics

Anticipated Graduation: May 2027

- **Accomplishments:** NCAA DI Student-Athlete (rowing walk-on), Valedictorian and Class President (Plano Senior High School)

EXPERIENCE

The White House – Incoming Intern | Washington, D.C.

January 2026-April 2026

- Accepted to the Spring 2026 White House Internship Program

U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Brandon Gill (TX-26) – *Legislative Intern* | D.C.

May 2025-August 2025

- Wrote an 18-page defense policy report for Reconciliation 2.0 legislation, interviewing 25 deep-tech startup founders, and drafted dozens of voting recommendations on the latest technology and industrial legislation
- Ideated questioning materials for Judiciary and Oversight Committee hearings, resulting in viral videos reaching over 9.7 million views and 452k likes on Instagram Reels
- Developed and deployed Congress's first AI-powered [news highlights app](#) for the communications team
- Drafted constituent response letters, answered hundreds of constituent phone calls, and answered thousands of constituent messages, with an average 1.4-day response time

Xfund – National Security Venture Fellow | Cambridge, MA

June 2025-Present

- Sourced 20+ defense-tech startups, conducting deep market research to identify emerging technologies with national security applications
- Fostered relationships with defense legislative staffers in Republican Hill offices, ranging from the Office of Senator Ted Cruz to the Office of Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene

Harvard Center for History and Economics – *Prize Fellow* | Cambridge, MA

September 2024-Present

- Awarded a highly competitive fellowship to conduct research analyzing the economic impact of plantation workers on British Malaya's industrial development during the early 20th century
- Presented findings and received mentorship from Nobel Prize Laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Daron Acemoglu, alongside driving research discussions on Southeast Asia's economic growth

Harvard Business School – *Research Assistant* | Cambridge, MA

May 2024-September 2024

- Conducted historical and financial research on the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis and the global dollar system for Professor Mattias Fibiger's forthcoming book
- Analyzed 300+ finance publications and archival records from Baker Library's financial archives to extract key insights on capital flows and monetary policy

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Harvard Salient – *Business Board* | Cambridge, MA

September 2025-Present

- Aid business operations for Harvard's undergraduate conservative publication, managing a \$250k operating budget to allow successful distribution of 5k print copies across campus and maintenance of 2,500 sq. ft. headquarters in Harvard Square

Harvard Institute of Politics, Conservative Coalition – *Director of External Affairs* | Cambridge, MA

January 2025-Present

- Led the development of a Conservative Jobs Database, adding 20+ internships to the database to connect conservative students with career opportunities and mentorship at top conservative think tanks and congressional offices
- Spearheaded the 100% Conservative Voter Registration Commitment, mobilizing underrepresented conservative student segments and pairing new voters with experienced political mentors to enhance civic engagement

Harvard John A. Paulson S.E.A.S. – *Applied Mathematics Peer Concentration Advisor* | Cambridge, MA

May 2025-Present

- Selected by the faculty of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences for outstanding "commitment and energy" to the Applied Mathematics concentration
- Organized weekly Applied Mathematics freshman advising sessions, focusing on the intersection between mathematics and the humanities and social sciences

Harvard Undergraduate Emerging Markets Group – *Executive Director* | Cambridge, MA

January 2025-Present

- Established the first undergraduate-led research group at Harvard dedicated to emerging markets, hosting 10 research projects analyzing macroeconomic trends, financial risks, and geopolitical developments across 4 developing regions
- Launched partnerships with Harvard faculty members, industry professionals, and global think tanks

Harvard-Radcliffe Heavyweight Rowing – *NCAA Division 1 Coxswain* | Cambridge, MA

August 2023-Present

- Dedicate 20+ hours a week to training and competition in both fall and spring semesters, spearheading 300+ pre-practice meetings with the coaching staff to strategize and align technical objectives for optimal team performance

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Machine Learning, Python, Matplotlib, Java, R, SQL, Excel | **Languages:** Mandarin, French (intermediate)

Interests: Making American manufacturing great again, vibe coding, half-marathon training, and rock bands