

Cruz Rosales

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Professional Summary

U.S. Marine Corps veteran and experienced team manager known for exemplary team-building and project oversight skills. Proven ability to work with diverse personalities, develop collaborative relationships, and deliver strong results across technical and academic settings.

Education

Brown University, Providence, RI

- Bachelor of Arts in International and Public Affairs and Computer Science (Expected May 2028)
- GPA 3.8

MiraCosta College, Oceanside, CA

- Computer Science Coursework
- GPA: 4.0

Work Experience

National Security Intern | Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs – Providence, RI | Jun 2025 – Present

- Collect, analyze and summarize reports on the development of the People's Republic of China's military capabilities.
- Draft policy memos related to PRC military developments and the United States' strategic response.

Student Advisory Board Member & Peer Mentor | Service to School – Remote | Apr 2024 – Present

- Inaugural member of the Student Advisory Board.
- Worked to develop the "To and Through Program" that helps veterans succeed on-campus after admission and entering the work force.
- Communicated with current and past student veterans to gain insight on challenges faced during and after their college experience so that programs could be identified and created to smooth the transition from service to school and reduce perceived barriers of entry.
- Supported mentees with application strategy and essay preparation.

NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar | NASA – Mountain View, CA | Jan 2023 – Jul 2024

- Led multidisciplinary teams in developing concept missions involving surface rovers and urban air mobility vehicles.
- Served as Project Manager, overseeing design, task delegation, and cross-team communication.
- Researched infrastructure, public affairs, and computer systems integration.

Student Advocate, Service Learning Dept. | MiraCosta College – Oceanside, CA | Aug 2023 – May 2024

- Coordinated with community partners and students to promote volunteerism.
- Assisted with student onboarding, event promotion, and program support.

U.S. Marine | United States Marine Corps – Oceanside, CA | Sep 2017 – Sep 2022

- Managed teams up to 20 Marines and coordinated maintenance for 70+ fleet vehicles.
- Served as Shop Chief and Quality Control Non-Commissioned Officer, managing daily operations and inspecting the condition of all vehicles and paperwork throughout the maintenance cycle.
- Selected to be attached to a Combined Anti-Armor Team supporting tactical missions.
- Received multiple personal awards including Certificates of Commendation, Letters of Recognition and the Humanitarian Service Medal.
- Gained extensive experience in leadership, logistics, technical and tactical systems.