

# Liam Tian

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## EDUCATION

**Cornell University – SC Johnson School of Business, Major: Hotel Administration**

**Ithaca, NY**

GPA: 3.74, SAT: 1590

Expected Graduation: 2029

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Seeking Alpha

**New York, NY**

Investment Analyst

Feb 2025-Present

- Published stock analysis articles about companies which are primarily in the real estate, energy, and technology industries
- Focused on under-covered companies that are undervalued, as well as on newer companies with a clear path to profitability
- Analyzed financial statements, press releases, historic trends, geopolitical events, business models, and relevant risk factors
- Utilized qualitative analysis, comparative analysis, and sensitivity analysis, in addition to valuation models including DCFs

### Gateways Summer School

**San Diego, CA**

Teacher's Assistant

June 2024-July 2024

- Assisted a teacher to make lessons plans for classes of 20 students, made lessons for middle and elementary school students
- Taught lessons, answered questions from students, provided assistance with classwork assignments, and resolved conflicts
- Set up classrooms ahead of time by arranging tables and desks, and by bringing all the necessary supplies from the office
- Guided students and parents during drop-off and pick-up every morning and every afternoon, helped kids find their classes

## PROJECTS & EXTRACURRICULARS

### Ravens for Transparency

**San Diego, CA**

Writer & Contributor

Aug 2024-Present

- Wrote a whistleblower report on the foundation that processed donations to my former high school, Canyon Crest Academy
- Identified issues including excessive fees, failing to disclose salaries on IRS filings, and improper categorization of expenses
- Lobbied the SDUHSD School Board to launch an official financial audit, which verified the accuracy of the issues we raised
- Covered by the San Diego Union-Tribune, Coast News, KPBS, and CBS8, led fee reductions saving clubs \$120k annually
- Received the 2025 Golden Watchdog Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) for our report

### The Cornell Review

**Ithaca, NY**

Writer & Contributor

Aug 2025 - Present

- Wrote articles about topics relevant to Cornell students and about local and national news for the school's conservative paper
- Wrote about subjects including zoning reforms, especially their impacts on recent graduates, as well as on admission policies
- Contributed to the planning and organization weekly meetings, assisted with maintaining and updating the paper's website
- Edited articles submitted by other authors, conducted interviews to uncover relevant leads about recent on-campus topics

### Cornell Credit Agency

**Ithaca, NY**

Director of New Member Education

Aug 2025 - Present

- Planned weekly lessons, designed assignments and workshops for new members, helped organize bi-weekly club meetings
- Gave free consultations about credit cards, budgeting, and other aspects of personal finance to students at Cornell University
- Recruited other students interested in educating the community, currently assisting with the creation of a website for the club

### Cornell Actuarial Society

**Ithaca, NY**

Member

Aug 2025 - Present

- Assisted with planning the club's weekly meetings, attended information sessions, networking events, and guest lectures
- Practiced math at workshops both organized by the Actuarial Society by itself and with the Cornell Statistical Consulting Unit

### Cornell Outdoor Odyssey

**Ithaca, NY**

Volunteer

Aug 2025 - Present

- Did trail work including clearing and maintenance in Treman State Park over the summer alongside other Cornell students
- In training to be a guide for the pre-orientation trips in the 2026-2027 school year, will lead groups of incoming freshmen

### Dino-Soar Rocketry

**San Diego, CA**

Founding Member

June 2024-Aug 2025

- Designed from scratch, built, and test-fired a custom hybrid rocket engine with a team of five other students over 2 summers
- Presented our completed hybrid rocket engine, Dawn Runner, at the Open Sauce 2025 tech fair in San Francisco in July 2025
- Solicited local sponsorships to raise over \$4k in funding, recruited 3 new members to the team, managed all team finances
- Created 4 CAD designs, used Python software to control timing, machined aluminum components at UCSD's Maker Space

### American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA), Cornell Chapter

**Ithaca, NY**

Member

Sep 2025 – Present

- Attended general meetings, information sessions, and other club events, networked with other Hotel Administration students
- Learned about the hospitality industry, and the roles played by different companies such as franchises, operators, and REITs

## COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- Team leader of the highest scoring all-freshmen team that participated in the EY Case Competition at Cornell University
- Reached the final round of the scoring pitch case competition organized by Capital Investments at Berkely in Spring 2024

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Skills:** MS Excel & PowerPoint, Python, Java, Photoshop, Lightworks, Financial Modeling, Conversational Mandarin Chinese

**Interests:** Niche History Topics, Local Policy & Civics, Math, Hiking, Journaling, Biking, Writing (Both Fiction and Nonfiction)