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EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Expected May 2027

Bachelor of Arts, Government

Bachelor of Arts, American Studies

Cumulative GPA: 4.113

Relevant Coursework: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics, The American Presidency, Controversies About Inequality, History of the Modern Middle East, Climate Politics in the United States, Comparative Politics of Latin America

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Garden State Initiative, Intern, Morristown, NJ

June 2025 – August 2025

- Conducted research on the state Department of Human Services and presented it to state officials and senators.
- Wrote an opinion piece on the New Jersey transportation crisis, with recommendations for NJ Transit.

Cornell Daily Sun, News Contributor, Ithaca, NY

September 2024 – Present

- Write news stories about the Graduate Student Assembly, covering graduate student updates.
- Conducted a minimum of three interviews per article published including Cornell Media Relations, campus directors, graduate students, union leaders, and graduate student activists.

Cornell Political Union, Ithaca, NY

September 2024 – Present

- Discuss political theories and philosophical questions of religion and morality in a large group setting.
- Communicate with fifty members through public speeches, and active listening of a diverse set of ideas.

Meinig Scholar, Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars, Participant, Ithaca, NY

August 2023 – Present

- One member of fifty students chosen from Cornell's Class of 2027 to participate in the Cornell MFCNS.
- Worked in a team with 15 students to advise Cornell Health by developing a prototype of an online service that helps students find the correct Cornell Health service they are looking for.

LEADERSHIP AND ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President and Praise Team Leader, Ignite, Ithaca, NY

November 2024 – Present

- Organize a music event with all eight Christian organizations on Cornell's campus, along with fifty other northeast universities, and 12 churches. Requires booking venue, managing funds, and contacting vendors.
- Collaborated with one co-leader to plan setlists, recruit musicians, and logically plan with the sound team.
- Lead 15 musicians for this event with over 700 attendees, including four separate three-hour rehearsals.

Praise Team Leader, Cru Cornell, Ithaca, NY

January 2024 – Present

- Led two-hour rehearsals with a worship band of 10-14 musicians, coordinated musical roles and handled music/tech logistics.
- Collaborated with two co-leaders to plan setlists and performances, as well as recruit musicians.

Social Media Manager, Cornell Claritas, Ithaca, NY

August 2023 – Present

- Collaborate with fifty members to develop a Christian Thought Journal promoting philosophical conversations.
- Research reliable sources, and interview individuals with relevant input towards the articles.
- Create social media graphics and edit videos to increase blog post viewership and journal awareness.

SKILLS

Public Speaking, Team leadership/management, Google Suite, Social media graphic design, Video editing