

David Solano

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EDUCATION

Columbia College of Columbia University | New York, NY Expected May 2029

B.A. Economics - Mathematics, Minor in Philosophy

Activities: John Jay Debate Society (Member), Spectator (Opinion Editorial Staff), Hispanic Pre-Law Society (Freshman Rep.), LPEN (Freshman Rep.), Pre-Law Review (Writer), CUIIN (ESG Analyst), CUVotes (Marketing), CCM (Choir)

Regis High School | New York, NY

June 2025

Full-ride Scholarship, Principal's List 21-25, High School Diploma | 3.93/4.00 UW GPA

Honors & Awards: Coca-Cola 2025 Scholar, NSLI-Y 2024 Scholar, NMSC Finalist, NCFL NSDA 2025 Finalist

Activities: Speech & Debate, Student Government, Student Newspaper, Theatre Arts, Liturgical Music, Campus Ministry

Shih Chien University 實踐大學 | Taipei, Taiwan

August 2024

U.S. Dept. of State National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship | CTFL Intermediate-Mid

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Catholic Charities at City Hall | New York, NY | *Legal Assistant* September 2024 – June 2025

- Prepared and submitted EAD, COA, I-589, and I-765 files. Translated and signed legal documents, performed Spanish screenings, and facilitated communication between judges and asylum applicants.

ETF Insight | Huntington, NY | *Market Research Intern*

June – August 2023

- Leveraged skills in videography, graphic design, and market analysis to produce podcast episodes, edit websites, and support international market research; earned equity in the company and \$5,000+ in compensation.

FXBCA Center for Human Rights | Cambridge, MA | *Market Research Intern*

June 2021 – August 2022

- 1 of 16 ambassadors representing 650+ advocates from 70+ countries based in Harvard University. Hosted meetings, supported program design, and researched impact investing and climate advocacy initiatives.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Jane Goodall Institute | Washington, D.C. | *National Youth Leadership Council* January 2024 – Present

- 1 of 37 representing 150k global members. Led projects on refugee rights, sustainable fashion, and published research on ocean conservation. Paid to present at natl. and intl. conferences (UNFCCC, LCOY, IFTJ, NYC Hall).

Kino Border Initiative | Nogales, AZ | *NYC Chapter President*

August 2023 – Present

- Fundraises and plans service trips to shelter in Nogales, Mexico across NYC high schools and colleges.
- Founded 2 local ESL schools, leads 50+ volunteers & team of attorneys serving 30+ families.

Ignatian Solidarity Network | Washington, D.C. | *Delegate & Planning Committee*

October 2022 – Present

- Speaks on indigenous rights to 5k+ conference delegates, televised across 8+ countries at IFTJ, the largest US Catholic social justice gathering. Part of the planning and student lobbyists committees.

The Literary Palette | New Haven, CT | *Co-Founder & Co-Editor-In-Chief*

August 2022 – June 2025

- Co-Founded The Literary Palette, the official Yale Young Writers' Workshop magazine, leading 100+ writers across 5 countries and 15 U.S. states as Editor-in-Chief, Design Lead, and Poetry Columnist Lead.

National Speech & Debate Association | New York, NY | *6-time Champion on NatCirc*

August 2021 – June 2025

- NCFL 2025 Nationals 6th in the Country; NY National Invitational 2024 National Champion; 3-time NY State finalist; Top Ranked in High School; speaks on global political, economic, and social issues.

Corazón Verde | CDMX, Mexico | *USA Sales Ambassador & Media Producer*

August 2021 – June 2025

- Supported a Mexico-based nonprofit empowering indigenous women in Hidalgo by coordinating media content and meeting weekly with the co-founder; contributed to \$10K+ in sales and expanded international engagement.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Spanish (Fluent), Latin (Proficient), Mandarin (Intermediate), German (Elementary)

Technical Skills: Final Cut Pro, Motion 5, Affinity Suite, Adobe Suite, Office Suite