

# Anika Iyer

## EDUCATION

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### Stanford University

B.A. Candidate in International Relations, specialization in East Asia, GPA: 3.97

2024-2027

- Relevant Coursework: The East-Asian Triangle; Chinese Politics; Globalization of Korean Soft Power; Narratives of Modern & Contemporary North Korea; American Interventions

### Hanyang University International Summer School

Korean language immersion at the third highest collegiate level

2022

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

### Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Research Intern

2026-Present

- Research North Korea-China technology and cybersecurity policy under Director Craig Singleton at FDD, informing analysis for U.S. policymakers and Congress.

### Policy Statement to U.S. Congress – Foreign Relations Committees, USAID Researcher

2025

- Developed and delivered a policy statement on the future of U.S. foreign assistance, conducted research at Stanford advised by former U.S. Ambassadors, USAID leadership, and UN development experts.
- Briefed U.S. House and Senate foreign relations staff on strategic reforms to U.S. foreign aid in the context of great-power competition and global security challenges.

### Unification Media Group & The Daily NK, International Outreach

2025

- Facilitated research briefings at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, connecting State Department-backed partners (USAID-funded) with U.S. policymakers to inform global supply chain regulations targeting North Korean forced labor
- Leveraged fluency in North Korean dialect and political terminology to advance international press briefings with BBC, *The New York Times*, and other major outlets, delivering real-time interpretation of researchers' findings on sanctions evasion and illicit trade networks to shape global media narratives and policy discourse

### Korean Language, Freelance Translator

2020-Present

- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) "Advanced" Korean certification
- Trained AI-driven language systems for the Korean Ministry of Education's TOPIK exam, a proficiency test taken by 200K+ global examinees annually, ensuring precision in international education policy implementation
- Manage communications for Cambridge University Union's international programming with Korean guest speakers

### U.S. State Department, American Youth Ambassador

2022-Present

- 1 of 30 to receive U.S. State Department Government Scholarship; funded NSLI-Y (Security Language Initiative) Youth Ambassador in South Korea; lived in Seoul with a host family for a summer of immersion and FSO mentorship
- Advised and collaborated with the U.S. State Department on student experience and regulatory guidance for 300+ youth exchanges, contributing to the implementation of NSLI-Y program standards and equity initiatives.

### Stanford Japanese Exchange Conference, American Ambassador, Researcher

2025

- Led intensive research project with peers in Keio and partner universities led by the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, presenting findings to 100+ international guests and professors on cultural and governance topics

### Kroger Sustainability Foundation, Project Leader

2021-2022

- Led a county-wide sustainability initiative funded by Kroger, collecting 1,500+ clothing items in partnership with Stitch-Up NGO to advance UN Zero Hunger & Zero Waste goals through global redistribution
- Implemented compliance with NGO and corporate CSR standards, tracked outcomes, and ensured adherence to organizational policies for large-scale donation and redistribution programs

### Ekal Vidyalaya Chapter Youth Organizer

2011-2022

- Directed and performed in biannual performing arts initiatives that provide sustainable educational development for 400+ rural schools across India, advancing literacy and long-term community growth
- Organized fundraising programs to support teacher training and women's educational access, empowering girls with agency in career pathways and promoting rural Indian education and economic development

## COMMUNICATIONS & LEADERSHIP

### Iyer & He Consulting Founder & Editor

2024-Present

- Founded a college consulting business, advising 200+ domestic and international applicants on competitive scholarships and admissions, specializing in resume strategy, application optimization, and written advocacy for top-tier universities such as Stanford, Princeton, and UPenn.

### Content Creation TikTok

2021-Present

- Produced global content on Korean popular culture, reaching 500K+ viewers across the USA, Indonesia, and Philippines; skilled in crafting engaging narratives for diverse audiences.

### Collin County Storehouse & The Academy, English Teacher

2021-2023

- Deliver targeted English instruction to immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala, China & beyond, fostering linguistic equity, workforce readiness, and educational access through conversation-based learning

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Association of Japan-America Societies Scholarship '23 for leading cross-cultural diplomatic engagement
- UN National Community Service Honor Award '22 for advancing Zero Hunger Zero Waste

## SKILLS

- Languages: Korean (Fluent); French (Fluent); Chinese (Intermediate); Japanese (Conversational); Tamil (Conversational)
- Technical: Python; Time-coded Transcription (.srt); Excel; Content Creation (TikTok, Instagram); Canva