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EDUCATION

Princeton University - Princeton, NJ
A.B., Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
Minors: Cognitive Science and Entrepreneurship
Expected Graduation May 2026
GPA 3.894

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Self-Defense Instructor, Self-Employed – Charles Town, West Virginia June 2023 – Present

- Organized self-defense courses primarily for high school students, focusing on building their self-confidence in stressful confrontations

Professional Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Competitor, Self-Employed May 2023 – Present

- Competed in and won national and pan-American tournaments, in addition to participating in paid professional fights for organizations such as Fight to Win BJJ

Junior Independent Researcher, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs January – May 2025

- Investigated how strained Indo-Pakistani relations serve as a justification for undemocratic military rule in Pakistan
- Examined the potential origins and causes of the numerous coups throughout Pakistani history

Junior Task Force Member, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs August – December 2024

- Created a case study about the usage of diversionary warfare to suppress political opposition, concentrating on the aggression exhibited by Azerbaijan in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict
- Researched the extensive corruption in Azerbaijan that allows for autocratic political maneuvering

Digital Media Intern, Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) - Las Vegas, NV May – August 2024

- Created and managed video content on the global UFC YouTube page and social media platforms
- Compiled quantitative reports based on social media analytics
- Assisted with event coverage and media day

Legislative Intern, Office of U.S. Representative Carol Miller - 1st Congressional District of West Virginia
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC September – November 2021

- Composed memoranda summarizing and analyzing upcoming legislation, usually relating to gun rights
- Recorded information regarding grant allocation and federal benefit provisions for office representatives
- Helped with constituent casework

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Princeton Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club, Co-President and Lead Instructor (Purple Belt) September 2022 – Present

- Coaching over fifty undergraduate and graduate Princeton students in basic and advanced ground-based self-defense, preparing them for local and collegiate competitions

James Madison Undergraduate Fellows Forum, Member November 2023 – Present

- Participating in discussions of constitutional principles in relation to modern American politics.

Princeton Business Today, Seminars Team Member February – August 2024

- Reached out to successful Princeton alumni to invite them to virtual or on-campus seminars, in which they would discuss their business experience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer: Microsoft Office, R Studio, Canva, Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, Photoshop

Language: Spanish (Fluent)

Honors: National Merit Scholarship Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Hispanic Scholar

Interests: Scriptwriting, video editing, sound design