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EDUCATION

Yale University | May 2028

GPA: 3.06/4.00

Bachelor of Arts in Global Affairs

College of San Mateo | July 2024

GPA: 3.87/4.00

Relevant Coursework: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Statistics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Cisco | Denver, CO

Feb 2023 – May 2023

Military in Sales and Leadership Fellow

- Observed and supported high-value client and partner engagements, gaining exposure to sales and business development strategies.
- Analyzed customer needs and business drivers, identifying opportunities to enhance revenue generation and operational efficiency.

United States Army | Various Locations

Jul 2003 – Jul 2023

National Security Agency | Aurora, CO

Deputy Operations Officer

- Directed strategic risk analysis, synthesizing complex data into actionable insights to optimize resource allocation and support executive-level decision-making.
- Led strategic planning while identifying and mitigating operational risks, ensuring compliance with national security and regulatory requirements.

5th Special Forces Group | Fort Campbell, KY

Intelligence Advisor | Special Security Officer (SSO)

- Selected as one of five professionals (from 1,600) for a Joint Business Exchange Program with General Electric, gaining exposure to corporate planning and strategic decision-making.
- Executed the development of five Tactical Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities, enhancing intelligence collection and security infrastructure. Achieved complex organizational objectives collaborating with stakeholders at multiple levels of leadership and external agencies.

Defense Intelligence Agency | Washington, DC

Senior Advisor | Senior Intelligence Analyst

- Performed macroeconomic and geopolitical risk analysis, advising senior policymakers on global trends and investment implications.
- Synthesized complex intelligence reports into actionable insights, supporting strategic resource allocation and long-term planning.

75th Ranger Regiment | Fort Benning, GA

Team Leader | All Source Intelligence Analyst

- Delivered time-sensitive analytical products under high-pressure conditions, strengthening executive decision-making in dynamic, high-stakes environments.
- Led and mentored 10+ analysts, fostering precision and accountability while adapting quickly to shifting priorities and maintaining focus on key objectives.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint

Certifications: SIE Exam (in progress), Top Secret/SCI Clearance, CI Polygraph

Interests: International Security, finance, global affairs, travel, endurance fitness