

Grace McGoran

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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Class of '28 (International Relations and Economics)

- Primary specialization: International Security, secondary specialization: Economic Development/World Economy
- Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00
- Notable courses: American Intelligence, Python Programming, Chinese, French, Linear Alg/Multivar Calc, Data Science For Politics, Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law

Homestead High School, Class of '24 (Valedictorian, GPA unweighted: 4.0, SAT: 1560)

Languages: English (Native), Mandarin (Intermediate), French (Beginner)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Former National Security Advisor LTG H.R. McMaster, Hoover Institution |

Stanford, CA, 2024 - Present

- Produce research on U.S. foreign policy and global conflicts for Hoover Sr. Fellow and former National Security Advisor Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster
- Prepare and support LTG McMaster's *Battlegrounds* international security podcast by researching guest speaker and country backgrounds
- Researched democratic movements and authoritarian control for Hoover's "Liberty Game" project, oversaw/mentored 3 high school interns

Property Management Intern, Gordian Properties LLC (GPL) | Santa Clara, CA, 2025

- Supported business operations through research, record management, tenant communications, and problem-solving for 60+ residential units

High School Research Intern to LTG H.R. McMaster, Hoover Institution | Stanford, CA, 2023, 2024

- Researched for/contributed to LTG McMaster's White House memoir: *At War with Ourselves*
- Edited interview transcripts for the Hoover Oral Histories Archives
- Prepared research briefs on various international relations topics

Food Service Worker/Cashier, Pinkberry | Sunnyvale, CA, 2024

- Handled >\$2000 daily, provided exceptional customer service, cleaned/maintained shop

LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERING

Captain, Stanford Women's Club Soccer | Stanford, CA, 2024 - Present

- Manage finances, registration, tryouts, and scheduling, while leading the team on/off the field

Leadership Team, Stanford Christian Union Caritas | Stanford, CA, 2025 - Present

President & Intra-District Council Representative, Homestead High School Associated Student Body |

Cupertino, CA, 2023 - 2024

- Led all major school events (>2,500 students at Homestead) and intra-district events (>10,000 students in district), was primary point of connection between administration/students

Co-founder, Embracing Change Podcast | Various locations, 2021 - 2024

- Over 50 episodes broadcasted discussing positive change, over 2,300 streams/starts, featured in Northern Lights Public Schools Wellness Spotlight

Leadership Initiatives International Internship: Business Development | Remote, 2021 - 2023

- 2-year non-profit work to advance entrepreneurship/innovation in Nigeria (ex. training, partnerships, and financial grants), assisted in business development for tailoring company: KB Tailoring (year 1) and restaurant: Maama Ville's (year 2)
- Was honored with the Leadership Initiatives Global Fundraising Award both years

SELECTED AWARDS/HONORS

Stanford Boothe Prize (2025)

- The Boothe Prize recognizes outstanding expository and argumentative writing by first-year students—my essay about fighting injustice won 1st place out of ~1,200 students

National Merit Finalist & Scholarship Winner (2024)

Poster Student, Fremont Union School District (2024): 1 of 12 students out of 10,000 students honored for extraordinary community contribution and exemplary leadership

Future Business Leaders of America National Awards

- 1st Place Publication Design (Nationals) (2021)
- 2nd Place Partnership with Business Project (Nationals): partnered with non-profit CK-12 (2022)

ADDITIONAL

Hoover Institution National Security Affairs Fellows Mentorship Program | Stanford, CA, 2025-Present

- Selected mentee under U.S. military, diplomatic, and intelligence leaders through seminars, extracurricular activities, and small group sessions

Member, Stanford International Affairs Society | Stanford, CA 2024-Present

Author of Love Your Enemies Spy Novel | Various locations, 2021 – 2024

- Once ranked #63 in Amazon Children's Spy Books

Skills:

- Foreign Policy Research
- Open-Source Intelligence Analysis
- Python (basic)
- Collaboration, Leadership & Innovation
- Public Speaking