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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University** – Cambridge, MA

B.A. in Applied Mathematics and History | Secondary in Statistics

GPA: 3.47/4.0

Anticipated Graduation: May 2027

- Accomplishments: NCAA DI Student-Athlete (rowing walk-on), Valedictorian and Class President (Plano Senior High School)

## EXPERIENCE

**The White House** – Incoming Intern | Washington, D.C.

January 2026-April 2026

- Accepted to the Spring 2026 White House Internship Program

**U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Brandon Gill (TX-26)** – *Legislative Intern* | D.C.

May 2025-August 2025

- Wrote an 18-page defense policy report for Reconciliation 2.0 legislation, interviewing 25 deep-tech startup founders, and drafted dozens of voting recommendations on the latest technology and industrial legislation
- Ideated questioning materials for Judiciary and Oversight Committee hearings, resulting in viral videos reaching over 9.7 million views and 452k likes on Instagram Reels
- Developed and deployed Congress's first AI-powered [news highlights app](#) for the communications team
- Drafted constituent response letters, answered hundreds of constituent phone calls, and answered thousands of constituent messages, with an average 1.4-day response time

**Xfund** – National Security Venture Fellow | Cambridge, MA

June 2025-Present

- Sourced 20+ defense-tech startups, conducting deep market research to identify emerging technologies with national security applications
- Fostered relationships with defense legislative staffers in Republican Hill offices, ranging from the Office of Senator Ted Cruz to the Office of Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene

**Harvard Center for History and Economics** – *Prize Fellow* | Cambridge, MA

September 2024-Present

- Awarded a highly competitive fellowship to conduct research analyzing the economic impact of plantation workers on British Malaya's industrial development during the early 20th century
- Presented findings and received mentorship from Nobel Prize Laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Daron Acemoglu, alongside driving research discussions on Southeast Asia's economic growth

**Harvard Business School** – *Research Assistant* | Cambridge, MA

May 2024-September 2024

- Conducted historical and financial research on the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis and the global dollar system for Professor Matthias Fibiger's forthcoming book
- Analyzed 300+ finance publications and archival records from Baker Library's financial archives to extract key insights on capital flows and monetary policy

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Harvard Salient** – *Business Board* | Cambridge, MA

September 2025-Present

- Aid business operations for Harvard's undergraduate conservative publication, managing a \$250k operating budget to allow successful distribution of 5k print copies across campus and maintenance of 2,500 sq. ft. headquarters in Harvard Square

**Harvard Institute of Politics, Conservative Coalition** – *Director of External Affairs* | Cambridge, MA

January 2025-Present

- Led the development of a Conservative Jobs Database, adding 20+ internships to the database to connect conservative students with career opportunities and mentorship at top conservative think tanks and congressional offices
- Spearheaded the 100% Conservative Voter Registration Commitment, mobilizing underrepresented conservative student segments and pairing new voters with experienced political mentors to enhance civic engagement

**Harvard John A. Paulson S.E.A.S.** – *Applied Mathematics Peer Concentration Advisor* | Cambridge, MA

May 2025-Present

- Selected by the faculty of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences for outstanding "commitment and energy" to the Applied Mathematics concentration
- Organized weekly Applied Mathematics freshman advising sessions, focusing on the intersection between mathematics and the humanities and social sciences

**Harvard Undergraduate Emerging Markets Group** – *Executive Director* | Cambridge, MA

January 2025-Present

- Established the first undergraduate-led research group at Harvard dedicated to emerging markets, hosting 10 research projects analyzing macroeconomic trends, financial risks, and geopolitical developments across 4 developing regions
- Launched partnerships with Harvard faculty members, industry professionals, and global think tanks

**Harvard-Radcliffe Heavyweight Rowing** – *NCAA Division 1 Coxswain* | Cambridge, MA

August 2023-Present

- Dedicate 20+ hours a week to training and competition in both fall and spring semesters, spearheading 300+ pre-practice meetings with the coaching staff to strategize and align technical objectives for optimal team performance

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Technical:** Machine Learning, Python, Matplotlib, Java, R, SQL, Excel | **Languages:** Mandarin, French (intermediate)

**Interests:** Making American manufacturing great again, vibe coding, half-marathon training, and rock bands