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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Class of 2029

- Fall 2025 courses:
  - Humanities 10a – A Humanities Colloquium: From Homer to Joyce
  - Government 10 – Foundations of Political Theory
  - FYSEMR47u – Declarations of Independence: The Philosophy of the American Revolution
  - Math 18a – Multivariable Calculus for the Social Sciences

**Lakeside School**, Seattle, WA

Class of 2025

- GPA: 4.0; SAT: 1570 (Math 790, Verbal 780)
- AP Scores: Calculus AB (5), Calculus BC (4), AP Spanish (5)
- National Merit Scholarship Finalist

**School for Ethics and Global Leadership**, Washington, D.C.

Spring 2024

- Attended semester-long program studying ethical thinking, leadership, and international affairs
- Designed and implementing a Civic Education passion project: to introduce the naturalization exam as a U.S. History requirement at my home school (Lakeside). Work on this project included a 42-page plan-of-action; numerous meetings with teachers, department heads, and my Lt. Governor; and a final pitch to a Georgetown professor where I received full marks
- Contributed to a 40-page Collaborative Policy Document (CPD) on the Kafala system and labor abuses in Qatar. Led a group of 4 to research and write the policy recommendations to the Qatari government. Led a separate group of 6 to write the executive summary
  - Our CPD was commended by Stephen Moody and Diana Partridge of the U.S. State Department

**Yale Young Global Scholars**, New Haven, CT

Summer 2023

- Studied Philosophy and Literature with an emphasis on epistemology, ontology, and law
- Presented a capstone project on the death penalty; received the highest rating in my capstone group

**Oxbridge Academic Programs**, Oxford, United Kingdom

Summer 2022

- Studied International Relations
- Won the Dean's Award for "academic excellence and embodying the Oxbridge tradition"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Contributing Editor, Policy Author, Research Intern**, 89 *Global*, London, United Kingdom

2023 - 2024

- Invited to intern remotely for London School of Economics-associated think tank based on performance at Oxbridge's summer session on International Relations
- Published two policy articles on American defense and energy policy for their Insights program
- Edited Insights articles prior to publication for fluency and content, and used expertise to broaden the scope of EU policy articles to include American angles/implications
- Attended weekly, 15-minute meetings with my Berlin-based manager, a policy analyst, and bi-monthly meetings with the CEO to respectively discuss my assignments and progress

**Instructor**, *Seattle Yacht Club – Summer Sail School*, Seattle, WA

Summer 2022

- Taught children ages 11-14 and 14-18 the basics of sailing (knot-tying, rigging boats, reading wind, and completing courses) and the fundamentals of racing
- Responsible for opening and closing the boathouse each day, including corresponding chores (derigging boats, storing sails, vacuuming, etc.)

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

**Digital Liaison to Governor Eric Holcomb (R-Indiana), Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics** 2025 - present

- Employee of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics in their Fellows Study Group program
- Help run and attend the Governor's weekly study group sessions – hour-long classes around a pre-determined theme – with Harvard students and affiliates
- Design and distribute weekly digital publicity, social media and email-based, for the Governor's study groups
- Assist with coordinating the Governor's engagement with Harvard campus events
- Accepted to Study Group program in the most competitive year of applications to date

**Comper, Harvard Crimson Editorial Board** 2025 - present

- Currently in the process of joining the Harvard Crimson's Editorial Board, upon which I will write a biweekly column
- Written three articles, separately on the comp process at Harvard, feeder schools, and improving lectures in the Humanities

**Comper, Harvard Review of Philosophy** 2025 - present

- Currently in the process of joining the Harvard Review of Philosophy
- My article, to be published in the HRP's annual magazine *Zeitgeist*, explores the balance between the role of the state in establishing a political culture and individual liberty. It is inspired by Abraham Lincoln's "Lyceum Address."

**Member, Harvard Fellows Search Committee** 2025 - present

- Part of student team determining the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics' Fellows for next semester
- Participate in weekly meetings to ideate on, reach out to, and interview candidates
- Strong advocate for bringing more conservative voices to campus

**Editor-in-Chief, Lakeside School Tatler Newspaper** 2022 - present

- **Editor-in-Chief:** Elected by a newsroom of 34 during my junior year to lead the publication
- **News Editor:** Edited and oversaw the monthly publication of 42 articles by 19 writers, including 12 articles I wrote
- **Editor-in-chief of Special Issue** on Ukraine (2022)
- **Staff Writer:** Wrote two monthly pieces or profiles for the news and opinion sections
- Representative articles: [News](#), [Opinion](#), and [Opinion](#)

**Co-President, Committee Leader, "Best Delegate," Lakeside School Model United Nations** 2022 - present

- Led a program of 30 members to be one of the most successful per capita in the state
- Three-time principal organizer of LakeMUN, my school's Model UN conference, including its inaugural year. Duties include coordinating with staffers, maintaining deadlines, securing speakers for opening/closing ceremonies, performing outreach to other schools, and cooperating with our administration on chaperones and event space
- Three-time committee director and one-time committee chair. Duties included writing 30 to 40-page background guides, organizing delegates/materials, and meeting with other staff members once every two weeks
- The most decorated member of Lakeside MUN: maintained a 92% win rate for conferences attended as a delegate
- Awards: 7 Best Delegate (highest award), 3 Outstanding Delegate (second-highest), 1 Honorable Mention

## ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

**Gold Medal: Harvard International Review Academic Writing Contest** Summer 2024

- Awarded Gold Medal (top 3% globally) for a 1200-word [article on ECOWAS](#) and the evolution of monetary integration in West Africa as an answer to the region's persistent inequality, especially in the face of VUCA-related insecurity.
- Qualified and invited to participate in Defense Day (top 20 percent globally); defended article to HIR senior editors

**2nd place: Conrad Challenge Innovation Summit** 2022 - 2023

- Member of a 3-person team that placed second in the national competition

- Designed POPS, the Power Outage Prevention System, which combined publicly available satellite imagery with a machine learning model to let power companies more effectively prevent outages caused by downed/damaged trees by identifying high-risk sites for maintenance
  - Personally developed our company's business model, performed market research on pricing and competition, and did outreach to potential interest groups/stakeholders
  - My work was then translated into the final pitch, much of which I authored

#### **Decorated Teammate, Lakeside School Quiz Bowl**

2021 - present

- Decorated member of Lakeside's Quiz Bowl Team
  - Highest PP20TH on team and second-highest number of total points
  - Individually placed second overall at UW Spring Invitational (2023)
- Specialized in history, the music/opera side of fine arts, and geography
- Kickstarted a persistent Jeopardy addiction

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

#### **Debate Coach, Lakeside School Debate Club**

2022 - present

- Led club through one of its most successful seasons: 5 undefeated teams; 3 debaters in the league's top 10
- Coach middle schoolers on basic rhetoric/logic, impact calculus, weighing debates, and formulating arguments
- Corral their arguments into flowcharts, and edit them
- Doubled club attendance through outreach efforts

#### **School Community Leader, Lakeside School**

2021 - present

- **Senior Leader:** selected to mentor incoming freshman
- **Lead Tour Guide:** give tours to prospective students, and train new tour guides each season
- **Member of SHARP (Student Hiring Applicant Review Panel):** selected to serve on Lakeside's teacher hiring committee. Responsibilities included 3 hour-long interviews and a corresponding write-up per open position

#### **Volunteer Teaching Intern, Obras Sociais Pavonianas, Belo Horizonte, Brazil**

Summer 2024

- Lived with a local family, and taught English at a registered nonprofit school for underprivileged children aged 6-15
- Led discussions about living in the U.S. and learned more about Brazilian culture and everyday life
- Improved my Portuguese to professionally proficient level

## ATHLETICS & MUSIC

#### **Team Captain, Lakeside School Varsity Golf**

2021 - present

- Appointed team captain for junior and senior years. Organize daily carpools for team of 12, coordinate spirit days, and help run practices
- Broadmoor Golf Club Men's Teen Champion (2024)

#### **Assistant Principal of Section – Viola, Lakeside School Orchestra**

2021 - present

- Appointed assistant principal of section for senior year
- Consistently selected to play Tchaikovsky and Dvořák symphonies with the advanced section of the orchestra
  - Play three concerts and participate in an interscholastic festival each year
  - Won first place with orchestra at Western Washington University's annual State Orchestra Festival (2022)

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

- Fluent in English and Spanish; Professionally proficient in Brazilian Portuguese; Introductory Latin
- Goal of fluently speaking the five major romance languages by the time I turn 40 (Italian, here I come!)
- Video editing (WeVideo)
- Pasta chef, avid alpine skier, and flag-lover