

Patch McCurry

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Poet, Philosopher, Author

WORK EXPERIENCE

Kenilworth Park District • Kenilworth, Illinois • 05/2025 - 08/2025

Lifeguard

Seasonal Lifeguard Position

EDUCATION

in Philosophy

Columbia University • New York City, NY • 08/2025 – Present

Loyola Academy • Wilmette • 08/2021 – Present

CERTIFICATIONS

Member

American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Bellarmino Scholar

Loyola Academy

Commended National Merit Scholar

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Illinois State Scholar

Illinois Student Assistance Commission

AP Scholar With Distinction

College Board

National Latin Exam Certificate Recipient (Grades: 9, 10, 11)

American Classical League

National Honors Society

Member

John Jay Society

PROJECTS

The White Board • 06/2024 – Present

<https://www.the-white-board.org>

Online Literary Journal
Editor-in-Chief, Founding Editor
Accepting fiction, flash fiction, and poetry
Advertising and circulation in preparation for February 2025 premiere
3 Hours/Week, Currently 10 weeks in

The White Board Channel • 06/2024 – Present

Including quotations, poetry, and unscripted talks. Focused on making philosophical ideas and complex topics accessible and engaging to wide audience
5 Hours/Week, 15 Weeks/Year
<https://www.instagram.com/thewhiteboard/>
<https://www.youtube.com/@thewhiteboard-1i9yn/shorts>

AP Scores

College Board
AP Biology: 5 (2024)
AP Calculus BC: 5 (2024)
AP Literature and Composition: 5 (2024)
AP Microeconomics: 5 (2024)
AP Macroeconomics: 5 (2024)
AP Statistics: 4 (2023)
AP United States History: 4 (2023)
AP Human Geography: 5 (2022)
In Progress: AP Chemistry, AP Language and Composition

VOLUNTEERING & LEADERSHIP

Forest Preserve of Cook County • 11/2024 – Present

Community Scientist and Volunteer • Illinois

Fieldwork identifying invasive species, planting seeds, and ecological restoration in local preserves, blending scientific inquiry with stewardship
3 Hours/Week, 8 Weeks/Year (2 Years)

Catholic Charities • 09/2023 – 11/2025

Volunteer • Highland Park, Illinois

Preparing and serving food for homeless and disadvantaged
2 Hours/Week, 9 Weeks/Year

Our Place of New Trier • 01/2023 – 03/2025

Volunteer • Wilmette, Illinois

Assisting in community activities for those with intellectual disabilities
2 Hours/Week, 9 Weeks/Year

Loyola Academy Philosophy Club

President • Wilmette, Illinois

Researched, chose, and communicated philosophical topics for discussion, mediated conversation and matters such as fundraising and attendance

3 Hours/Week, 36 Weeks/Year

Business Club

Co-President • Wilmette, Illinois

Lead exploration of various economic concepts and fields of work in different industries, introduced topics and reached out for industry interviews.

2 Hours/Week, 36 Weeks/Year

Volleyball (Club/Beach/School)

Co-Captain

School: Junior Varsity Co-Captain, assisted in teaching fundamentals to teammates, maintaining team cohesion, and monitoring rotations and positions in-game (10 Hours/Week, 12 Weeks/Year)

Club: Floor Captain, managing team and referee communication during match and tournament play (10 hours/week, 28 Weeks/Year)

Beach: 16U Beach Volleyball Junior Nationals Qualifier (5 Hours/Week, 12 Weeks/Year)

AP Latin Scholar

Studied classics poetry, history, mythology, and grammar.

3x National Latin Exam Certificate (9, 10, 11), National Latin Honors Society (11, 12).

5 Hours/Week, 40 Weeks/Year

Guitarist

Self-taught guitarist, played in a collaborative musical effort with friends, student in school's guitar class.

6 Hours/Week, 50 Weeks/Year

PUBLICATIONS

Determine • 12/2024

Maudlin House

Fiction Piece

"Determine" is an abstract mini-epic detailing the journey of a troubled one through the manifested implications of determinism.

<https://maudlinhouse.net/determine/>

Projections • 12/2024

Kindle Direct Publishing

Book, Poetry Collection

Imaginative and narrative poems detailing stories, places, and experiences separated from reality. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DRXR9NSV>

SKILLS

Abstract Imagery, Extrapolation from Objects, Imaginative Writing, Meter, Rhythm