

Elliot Sternberg

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences, Philadelphia, PA

Jan 2025

Candidate for Bachelor of Arts

Major: International Relations/Economics

Minor: East Asian Languages and Civilizations: China

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Chinese I & II, Math 1300 & 1070, Economics 0100 & 0200

Honors & Awards: Critical Language Scholarship Recipient, HSK Language Exam, National Latin Exam (Medaled in a highly competitive Latin exam all 3 years of high school), AP Scholar with Honor Award

High School: Xavier High School (New York, NY)

June 2024

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Critical Language Scholar - Mandarin Chinese

June - August 2025

Critical Language Scholarship Program

Selected as a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholar to complete an intensive, fully funded Mandarin immersion program in Tainan, Taiwan.

- 8 weeks of intensive language training and cultural immersion
- Studying at National Cheng Kung University (成功大學)
- Participating in cultural activities, peer language exchanges, and local excursions

Penn International Business and Economics Club

East-Asian Committee Co-Chair

*June-September
2023*

- Analyze East Asian companies and invest in stocks
- Outreach to local communities to teach financial literacy in West Philly

Modern Chinese School

Assistant Teacher

*June-September
2023*

- Taught Ping-Pong in Mandarin at a Chinese immersion school in Flushing, New York. Assisted teacher in managing classes and organizing lessons, contributing to the Mandarin immersion experience for the students.
- Six years of Mandarin experience. Both tutored and self-studied. Passed the HSK 4 Upper-Intermediate Fluency Exam (verbal, reading, and writing skills).
- Tested into Advanced Chinese I at Penn

Language Lab at the Center of Autism Research at CHOP

Language Research Assistant

*April-May
2023*

Collegium Institute*Student Fellow*

January -Current

2025

- Contribute to Blog post, reviews, participate in seminars

Wharton China Association*Operations Committee Member*

- Helped organize Wharton China Summit @ Penn (the largest student organized summit in the US)
- The summit is committed to build an influential platform that promotes communications between China and the United States, and engages Asian American entrepreneurs.

LEADERSHIP

Xavier High School (New York, NY)*JROTC Regimental Commander (2023-2024)*

New York, NY

2020-2024

- Highest-ranking position in JROTC, leading over 200 Cadets. Student-body representative for the JROTC, representing the school at fundraising events, formal occasions, and other functions. Provided keynote remarks at school functions and presented to the Xavier Board of Trustees.
- Facilitates official cabinet meetings and planning. Manages regimental development projects and community service projects outside of school. Provides leadership counseling to subordinates.
- Spearheaded recruitment project which increased cadet retention by roughly 20%.

Xavier High School (New York, NY)*Assistant Captain of STEM (Robotics) Team*

New York, NY

2021-2024

- Build, code, and maintain tournament robots.
- First-place win at regional competition and qualified for National competition.