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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 (成功大学)
- 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.