

# Bethany Lorden

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## EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR

**Stanford University.** Class of 2026. GPA: 3.97

Palo Alto, CA

Major: History. Additional coursework in literature, philosophy, and physics.

- Extracurricular Activities:
  - Stanford Review, Staff Writer
  - Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, Worship Leader (voice, guitar, and harmonica)
  - Trail running, backpacking, kayaking, climbing, & general adventuring

**Valor Christian High School.** Class of 2022.

Highlands Ranch, CO

- Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist
- Self-taught Sophomore year, studying abroad in 4 countries on 2 continents
- Extracurricular Activities:
  - Poetry Club (President); Philosophy Club (VP)
  - Varsity Mountain Biking (State Qualifier), Varsity Tennis
  - Home Base Youth Group Leader, 2020-2022

## WORK / VOLUNTEERING

**Editorial Intern,** Summer 2025; *The Spectator World*

- Writing and editing articles on education, environmental policy, arts, etc.

**Ranch Hand,** January-March 2025; San Isabel Ranch

- Feeding cows, fixing corral fences, hauling wood, shoveling manure, etc.

**Substitute Teacher,** December 2024-January 2025; Ambleside School of Colorado

- Substitute teaching in 1st-10th grade, and developing the high school's curriculum and college application process

**Writing Scholar,** Summer 2024; Chappell Lougee Fellowship

- Writing the first draft of a novel set in a nineteenth-century Colorado mining town

**Poet / Research Assistant,** Summer 2023; Bill Lane Center for the American West Grant Recipient

- Researching and writing poetry of the Rocky Mountains; project included a performance at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Encampment, WY, and a presentation to Stanford faculty

**Mathematics Teacher,** Summer 2022; Valor Christian High School

- Teaching 3-week Pre-Algebra classes to incoming students

**Volunteer** at Camp Timberline, Whiz Kids Tutoring, and at many schools and churches

- Hosting, speaking, tutoring, cleaning, moving. I will always ask, "What else can I do?"

## PLEASURES / ENDEAVORS

**Exploring:** good books, art museums, extreme terrain ski runs (❖❖), small towns, cities with long histories, and high mountain terrain (successfully summited 27 peaks >14,000 ft.)

**Discussing:** South African economics, Middle Eastern politics, Chinese history, water law, physics derivations, Victorian novels, the good life, etc., with anyone more knowledgeable than myself. Ski lift conversations with strangers and family "coffee times" are especially thought provoking!

