

Stephen J. Kaufman

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EDUCATION

Expected May 2029 **Columbia University, Columbia College**, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science-Statistics

May 2025 **University School**, Hunting Valley, OH
High School Diploma, GPA: 3.97/4.00 (unweighted)

HONORS

Aug 2024 National Merit Commended Scholar; AP Scholar with Distinction
Aug 2024 Global Seal of Biliteracy (English & Spanish, C1)
Apr 2025 First Place, University School Class of 1935 Political Awareness Essay Contest
May 2023 – May 2025 Henry Stoddard Sherman Journalism Award; Richard D. Peters Journalism Award
May 2025 Michael Dively '57 Award for Civic Interest & Public Affairs
May 2025 Carter Sanders Award for excellence in foreign language
Jan 2023 – Feb 2025 National Silver Medal (1); Gold Key (2); Silver Key (3), Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

LEADERSHIP

Sep 2025 – Present **Columbia Political Union**, *Event Director & Speaker Series Initiative Director*
• Lead planning and execution of high-profile political and cultural speaker events
• Manage speaker outreach, logistics, budgeting, and honoraria coordination
• Drive attendance, visibility, and campus engagement for flagship CPU programming

Jan 2023 – Present **WordReference.com**, *Researcher & Developer*
• Designed and developed a comprehensive Latin verb conjugation tool cataloging thousands of verbs
• Analyzed complex grammatical systems and encoded rules for irregular and deponent forms
• Collaborated with linguists and classicists to improve accuracy and accessibility for millions of users

Sep 2025 – Present **ColumbiaVotes**, *Democracy Fellow*
• Organize voter registration, canvassing, and civic education across campus and surrounding neighborhoods
• Build and maintain election databases, candidate profiles, and issue briefs
• Produce voter education materials and support large-scale civic engagement events

Sep 2025 – Present **Columbia International Relations Council (CIRCA)**, *Regional Representative (CAFA)*
• Research political, security, and economic developments in South/Southeast Asia
• Author weekly analytical updates and present to committee members

Jun 2024 – Nov 2024 **Bernie Moreno for U.S. Senate**, *Campaign Intern*
• Conducted voter outreach via phone banking and canvassing across Northeast Ohio
• Assisted organizing efforts and engaged voters on policy issues and election logistics

ACTIVITIES

Sep 2025 – Present **Wien Hall Council**, *Floor Representative*
Sep 2025 – Present **Columbia Financial Investment Group**, *Member*
Sep 2025 – Present **Community Impact at Columbia**, *One-to-One Tutoring Volunteer*

PRIOR LEADERSHIP (University School)

Aug 2022 – May 2025 **The University School Newspaper**, *Editor-in-Chief*
Aug 2022 – May 2025 **The Mabian Yearbook**, *Editor-in-Chief*
Aug 2022 – May 2025 **The Student Event Committee**, *President*
Aug 2022 – May 2025 **Mock Trial**, *Captain & Lawyer*