

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 , <i>Event Director & Speaker Series Initiative Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 , <i>Researcher & Developer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 , <i>Democracy Fellow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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) , <i>Regional Representative (CAFA)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 , <i>Campaign Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 , <i>Floor Representative</i>
Sep 2025 – Present	Columbia Financial Investment Group , <i>Member</i>
Sep 2025 – Present	Community Impact at Columbia , One-to-One Tutoring Volunteer

PRIOR LEADERSHIP (University School)

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