

Brandon H. Cheng

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EDUCATION

Harvard College

A.B. Candidate in Economics and Social Studies

• Cameron Impact Scholar (Full-Tuition Award), Coca-Cola Scholar

Cambridge, MA

Expected Graduation: May 2029

Flintridge Preparatory School

High School Diploma (GPA: 4.00 UW/4.56 W; SAT: 1580)

• National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) Champion & 2-time Finalist, Student Body Vice President; Debate Team Co-Captain; *The Flintridge Press* Editor-in-Chief, Political Science Student Association President, Class of 2025 Scholarship & Service Award Recipient

La Cañada Flintridge, CA

Graduation: May 2025

EXPERIENCE

Harvard College Concord Institute

Co-Founder, Co-Chair

• Established and direct Harvard College's first-ever cross-partisan civic organization dedicated to fostering national unity, honoring veterans and deepening engagement with American history ahead of the nation's 250th anniversary

Cambridge, MA

September 2025 – Present

Harvard Undergraduate Consulting Group

Analyst

• Advise industry clients with a combined market capitalization of over \$7.4T since 2016; less than 10% acceptance rate

Cambridge, MA

September 2025 – Present

Harvard College Intellectual Vitality Initiative

Member, Student Advisory Board, Funding Committee

• Allocate grants and advise administrators on projects that promote open inquiry and dialogue; less than 5% acceptance rate

Cambridge, MA

September 2025 – Present

Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics

Analyst, Harvard Public Opinion Project

• Assess national youth polling data and support report development for the 51st national Harvard Youth Poll

Cambridge, MA

September 2025 – Present

Volunteer Tutor, CIVICS Program

• Teaching government and citizenship to underprivileged 5th and 6th graders through the Phillips Brooks House Association

September 2025 – Present

Harvard Undergraduate Law Review

Staff Writer

• Produce research-backed commentary on law and policy topics for a peer-reviewed undergraduate journal

Cambridge, MA

September 2025 – Present

East-West Forum

Founder, Board Chair, Former Executive Director

• Founded and led U.S.-Asia global youth initiative and pen pal program across 30 schools and 7,000 students

Los Angeles, CA & Washington, DC

May 2020 – Present

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Appointed Member, Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Board

• Advise District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman on AAPI community engagement and public access to legal resources

Los Angeles, CA

May 2025 – Present

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Voting Member, Public Safety Advisory Committee

• Served on lead advisory body shaping LA Metro's \$291M safety strategy and creation of Transit Police Department

Los Angeles, CA

January 2023 – August 2025

Academy 37 Public Speaking Institute

Founder, Executive Director

• Managed 10 staff to expand speech education through free public speaking camps serving 200+ students from 5 countries

Pasadena, CA

March 2023 – May 2025

AWARDS & HONORS

Coca-Cola Scholar (2025): \$20,000 merit-based scholarship for exceptional academics and community service; 0.1% acceptance rate

Cameron Impact Scholar (2025): Merit-based, full-tuition scholarship for students who are changing the world; 0.5% acceptance rate

Speech & Debate Awards in Extemporaneous Speaking and Commentary: 2023 National Champion: National Speech & Debate Association National Tournament (largest debate tournament in the world), **2024 National Finalist:** NSDA National Tournament and **2023-2024 National Champion:** Extemporaneous Speaking National Points Race (cumulative standings across 13,000+ competitors)

Coolidge Scholarship Senator (2024): Merit-based scholarship and membership in lifelong community of scholars; 2.4% acceptance rate

President's Volunteer Service Award Gold Medalist (2021-2025): Presidential commendation for 500+ hours of community service

ORGANIZATIONS, SKILLS & HOBBIES

Organizations: Harvard Club of Southern California, Chandler School Alumni Council, Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Skills: Typing (175 WPM), Public Speaking, Policy Analysis, Statistical Reasoning, Fluency in Mandarin Chinese, Proficiency in Spanish

Hobbies: Travel, Culinary Exploration, Architecture, Photography, Cycling, Cartography, Numismatics, Aviation Memorabilia