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## **EDUCATION**

Harvard College – Cambridge, MA

A.B. Mechanical Engineering & Art, Film, and Visual Studies

Expected May 2029

*Coursework completed through Los Rios Community College District during approved academic leave, including Emergency Medical Technician training, data visualization, web development, and digital media.*

## **MEDIA & JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

### **Journalist & Freelance Writer**

The Harvard Crimson | Teen Vogue | The Sacramento Bee

Jun 2023 – Present

- Report on science, health, technology, policy, climate, and culture for regional and national publications
- Interview researchers, policymakers, healthcare professionals, and community members
- Published feature on extreme weather and homelessness in The Sacramento Bee (print and digital)
- Reported on AI ethics and future-self simulation research in The Harvard Crimson
- Wrote cultural commentary essay for Teen Vogue

### **JCal – California Capitol Journalism Program**

Sacramento, CA | 2023

- Selected as 1 of 22 student journalists statewide
- Reported on climate and extreme weather with mentorship from CalMatters and AAJA journalists
- Produced multimedia reporting including photography, audio editing, and digital storytelling
- Investigative feature on homelessness and extreme weather published in The Sacramento Bee

### **Co-Editor-in-Chief – Granite Bay Today**

Aug 2020 – May 2024

- Led student newsroom and expanded digital readership to 1,800+
- Launched mental health column and live school board coverage
- Youngest editor elected in publication's 25+ year history
- Reporting on fentanyl awareness campaign won California News Publishers Association First Place in Writing

## **PUBLIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**

### **California Youth Crisis Line – Volunteer Crisis Counselor**

2022 – Present

- Provide crisis intervention, emotional support, and resource referrals by phone and text
- Contributed 400+ volunteer service hours supporting youth across California

- Collaborate with supervisors and crisis professionals to navigate complex situations and connect callers with appropriate resources

**California Youth Empowerment Commission– Founding Commissioner**

2024 – Present

- Appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to represent approximately 8 million California youth
- Contribute recommendations on youth mental health, education, disability access, and civic engagement
- Participated in development of the Commission's inaugural strategic plan

**Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) – Media Watch Committee & Programming Committee**

2026 – Present

- Selected to contribute to national media accountability initiatives and professional development programming for journalists

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT Certified)**

**UCSF FANS & ASPIRE Lung Health Study– Research & Outreach Lead**

2025 – Present

- Support public health outreach, participant engagement, and health communication initiatives
- Developed tracking systems and visualizations supporting recruitment and community education efforts

**AWARDS & HONORS**

California News Publishers Association First Place, Writing

New York Times Learning Network Editorial Contest Honorable Mention (Top 200 of 16,684)

United Nations Academic Impact Millennium Fellow

Harvard PRISE Research Fellow

National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker 100

Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards Multiple Regional Distinctions

**SKILLS**

Reporting: Interviewing, feature writing, science and health reporting, multimedia storytelling

Technical: Tableau, Adobe Creative Suite, Autodesk Maya, data visualization

Languages: English (native), Spanish (conversational), California State Seal of Biliteracy