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Education

Cumulative, weighted GPA, 91.35

Honor Roll Earned, Grade 9 – 12

Roland Park Country School, Class of 2019

Outstanding Honors and Awards

- Head's Commendation, Math, Grade 9
- Head's Commendation, History, Grade 10
- Cum Laude Honorable Mention, Playwriting, Grade 10
- National Chinese Honor Society, Grades 11-12
- St. Edwards Exchange, Grade 11
- Head's Commendation, Perfect Attendance, Grade 12
- Birgit Baldwin World Studies Prize Honorable Mention, Grade 12
- National Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Award for Excellence in Chinese, Grade 12
- Recognition for over 100 hours of Community Service, Grade 12

Activities

Clubs

Jewish Heritage Club

Grade 12 President, Grade 11 President, Grade 10 Member, Grade 9 Member – 1 hr. week/36 weeks

The Jewish Heritage Club works to provide our community with lessons about the Jewish religion by having a non-bake bake sale for Kosher for Passover treats, getting a Sukkah for Sukkot, announcements about upcoming holidays, and help to organize the annual Holocaust Day of Remembrance. As president, I worked to organize meetings, the schedule for the bake sale, and presentations for morning meeting about upcoming holidays.

Literary Magazine

Grade 12 President, Grade 11 Editor, Grade 10 Editor, Grade 9 Editor - 1 hr. week/36 weeks

The Literary Magazine, Leaves of Imagination, is a publication where students can submit artwork, poems, and short stories. During the school year, we read submitted work and vote to create one book at the end of the year. As editor, I got to vote on the pieces placed in the literary magazine as well as making announcements about the magazine during morning meeting. As president, I will try to make the literary magazine more accessible with the hope for more student submissions.

Broadway Musical Club

Grade 11 President - 1 hr. week/36 weeks

The Broadway Musical Club is a way for people interested in musicals to talk. The club would meet and talk about upcoming cast albums, Tony nominations, or musicals on Broadway. As president, I started up the club and organized things to do in meetings, for example, doing musical theater-based quizzes or playing guess the song.

Performing Arts

Footlights Theatre Ensemble

Grade 12 President, Grade 11 Member – 2-3 hrs. week/36 weeks

Footlights Theatre Ensemble is an auditioned theater troupe for grades eleven and twelve. The ensemble performs a published one act in the winter, for example *4 A.M.* by Jonathan Dorf. The ensemble also participates in a 24-hour play fest in the spring while interacting with the community through a play for the Lower School and writing a skit for the Opening Day Convocation. As president, I hope to bring a bigger audience to the Footlights performances as well as being more active in the community by doing skits at morning meeting and biannual coffee houses.

Still Life with Iris

Actor - 10 hrs. week/11 weeks

In the spring of 2019, I played the character of Iris, a girl searching for home, in the play *Still Life with Iris* by Steven Dietz. *Still Life with Iris* is a children's play about a girl who is stripped of her memories with only a button to try and find her way back home.

Beauty and the Beast

Actor - 10 hrs. week/11 weeks

In the fall of 2018, I played the character Chip, a teacup, in the musical *Beauty and the Beast*. This show is based upon the fairytale. It required week long rehearsals where I was stuck in a box and set builds on weekends. to build a castle.

Peter and the Starcatcher

Actor - 10 hrs. week/11 weeks

In the spring of 2018, I played the character Ted, a lost boy obsessed with food, in the play was *Peter and the Starcatcher* by Rick Elice. *Peter and the Starcatcher* is the prequel to Peter Pan answering such questions as how Peter got his name, how Captain Hook lost his hand, and how did Peter become immortal.

The Secret Garden

Ensemble Member – 10 hrs. week/11 weeks

In the fall of 2017, I was an ensemble member and named character Lieutenant Shaw in the musical, *The Secret Garden*. This show required week long rehearsals and set builds on weekends to build five giant moving walls.

Almost, Maine

Actor - 10 hrs. week/11 weeks

In the spring of 2017, I was an alternate for the character Ginette in the play, *Almost, Maine*. It was an at Roland Park Country School.

Internship

Camp Counselor

Counselor, Pumpkin Theater – 8 hrs. week/2 weeks

For my community service over the summer of 2016, I worked at a children's theater called Pumpkin Theatre helping with their Broadway Junior Camp. I kept the children, ranging in age from five to fourteen years old, occupied and on task while running theatre games. I also ran the lights for the final performance the kids did at the end of their two weeks.

Guitar Lessons

Student, Roland Park Country School – 1 hr. week/36 weeks

During my sophomore year of high school, I participated in weekly guitar lessons at my school. These lessons helped me to improve my guitar skills, apply my lessons from music theory onto my instrument, and gave me an amazing teacher who inspired my musical ability.

Guitar Camp

Student, University of Maryland: Baltimore County – 8 hrs. week/1 week

Over the summer of 2017, I participated in a guitar intensive camp to improve my skills with the same teacher I took lessons with earlier in the year. This helped me to push the limits of my abilities and have an incredible amount of fun.

Internship

Archives intern, Jewish Museum of Maryland – 6 hrs. week/2 week

For my senior project, I worked as an intern in the archives department to research pictures and type immigration cards of refugees coming to Baltimore from 1937-1949.

