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EDUCATION

Miami University

Bachelor of Arts

Majors: Linguistics, International Studies

Minors: Japanese, Italian, and Music Performance

4.0

Oxford, Ohio

May 2028

Carrboro High School

High School Diploma

Academy of International Studies

4.7/4.0

Carrboro, NC

June 2024

Relevant Coursework: AP Music Theory, AP US Government and Politics, AP US History, AP English Language and Composition, AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Statistics, UNC ITAL 388-Environmental Issues in Italian Literature & Film, UNC ITAL 320-Italian Cities and Cultures

WORK EXPERIENCE

Beacon MMA

Youth BJJ and Muay Thai Coach

- Coached and instructed kids aged 5 - 16 years on martial arts drills and techniques
- Acquired leadership skills by assisting the head coach with leading warmups, drills, and sparring

Chapel Hill, NC

January 2024 - Present

Triangle Ultimate

Youth Ultimate Frisbee Camp Coach

- Provided helpful instruction, care, and companionship to hundreds of kids throughout summers

Chapel Hill, Durham, Carrboro NC

May 2022 - August 2024

Self-Employed

Babysitter

- Managed and took care of young children for five families regularly

Carrboro NC

April 2018 - Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Miami University Symphony Orchestra Fashion Committee

Fashion Consultant/Designer

Oxford Ohio

November 2024 - Present

Working Concessions at Football, Hockey and more

Food Server

- Served for 5 hours each session with the Miami University Ultimate Frisbee team by providing food and drink to game-goers in order to raise funds for the team

Oxford, Ohio

October 2024 - Present

Teaching the Carrboro High School Orchestra Class

Concertmaster

Carrboro, NC

January 2024 - February 2024

- Organized and directed the Orchestra class for over 1 month while the director/conductor was on an extended leave of absence

Library Advisory

Carrboro, NC

Display Creator, Cataloger, Special Collections Organizer

January 2023 - December 2024

- Improved High School Library by reorganizing the entire layout and physically moving thousands of books, writing dozens of book recommendations, shelving, helping with display design, catalog adding and removing, putting on plastic dust jackets, and offering feedback

Carrboro High School Pit Orchestra

Carrboro, NC

Solo Violinist

January 2023 - December 2024

- Performed in 70 hrs of pit orchestra practice for three showings of James and the Giant Peach

Tri-M Performances and Benefit Concerts

Chapel Hill and Carrboro NC

Violinist, Composer

August 2021 - June 2024

- Played in 3 performances a year of small group ensembles and solo works. All money collected went to musical charities

Porch, Chapel Hill, NC

Carrboro NC

Food Manager

January 2022 - December 2023

- Organized food bags and bagged items to take to people in need for 20 hours

Violin Teaching

Carrboro, NC

Teacher

August 2020 - June 2022

- Taught violin to a neighbor 30 hrs during the COVID summer and am still a private teacher

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Fluent in Italian (Lived in Martina Franca, Italy for all of Elementary School)
- Competent in Latin
- Can read and understand most Spanish, French and Portuguese
- Intermediate in Japanese
- Beginner in Russian and Korean

AWARDS AND HONORS

Presidential Fellowship at Miami University

August 2024 - Present

- Earned a full ride scholarship program for the greatest contributors to the school, offered to less than 20 students each year

Honors College Student at Miami University

August 2024 - Present

National School Orchestra Award

May 2024 - Present

- Directed the Orchestra exceptionally as Concertmaster, going above and beyond and leading class for more than 20 hours of class time

Morehead-Cain School Nomination

September 2023 - September 2023

- Nominated for a full ride scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill

AP Scholar with Distinction Award

May 2023 - Present

- Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Harvard Prize Book Award March 2023 - March 2024

- [Recipients](#) are exemplary students in the next-to-graduating high school class who display excellence in scholarship and achievement in nonacademic fields.

State level Governor's School Nominations March 2022 - March 2023

UNC-Greensboro Southeast Honors String Festival Violinist November 2022 - September 2023

The Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Award Recipient June 2021 - June 2021

Eastern Regional Orchestra Violinist March 2021 - June 2021

National Honor Society President August 2021 - June 2024

- Planned a dinner theater event with more than 15 performances, a large food buffet, and a silent auction. Raised over \$2,000 for the SECU House
- Headed the tutoring committee of the National Honor Society for 3 years

National Technical Honor Society August 2022 - June 2024

Tri-M National Music Honor Society Chapter Composer August 2021 - June 2024

- Played in three chamber music concerts each year, bringing joy to the community and raising funds for music programs around the state
- Arranged and composed music for a 5 different musical groups

CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Ultimate Frisbee Carrboro, NC - Oxford, OH

Captain on Boys' High School Team Sophomore-Senior years October 2018 - Present

- Selected for the National U20 Women's/Mixed Frisbee Team Tryout 2022, 2024
- Starting line on College Men's team of 34 players, Analytical Strategist

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Martina Franca, Italy; Carrboro NC, Oxford OH

Fighter, Captain, Coach August 2015 - Present

- Competed in Judo (10G, 1S, 5B medals), Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (3B), Muay Thai (1/0/0), Historical European Martial Arts, Society for Creative Anachronism, Taekwondo, Boxing, Self Defense Teacher

Red Dragons Martial Arts Club Oxford, OH

Vice President August 2024 - Present

- Teach Judo, Muay Thai, and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in this Miami club

Miami Medieval Club (Marche of the Unicorn branch of the SCA) Oxford, OH

Heavy and Rapier combatant, Armorer August 2024 - Present

Miami Boxing Club Oxford, OH

Competition fighter August 2024 - Present

The Linguists Society Oxford, OH

Participant August 2024 - Present

Italian Language and Culture Club
Participant

Oxford, OH
August 2024 - Present

Role Playing Games Club
Godbound party leader

Oxford, OH
October 2024 - Present

Self Defense and Mixed Martial Arts Club
Founder, President, Instructor

Carrboro, NC
August 2023 - June 2024

- Created a High School club to teach 25+ students necessary self defense skills

Creative Writing/Poetry Club
Vice President

Carrboro, NC
September 2021 - June 2024

- Wrote poetry and fictional stories to share weekly to the club members, published works in journals
- Managed and planned club meetings and activities for 2 years

CERTIFICATIONS

PCA's Double-Goal Coach®: Coaching for Winning & Life Lessons
How to Coach Kids
How to Coach Girls
USA Ultimate SafeSport
OSHA General Industry Safety and Health
CPR, First Aid, and Babysitting Skills

RESEARCH

Ready Through Research Program
AP Psychology

Carrboro, NC
September 2022 - June 2023

- Created a research question to explore stress's effect on sleep in the school community
- Designed and conducted an original research project with one AP Psychology peer to examine the effect of sleep on emotions and emotion regulation
- Collected experimental survey data from a sample of 87 peers
- Collaborated with 3 AP Statistics students to analyze data
- Synthesized research methods, results, and conclusions on a research poster
- Presented research poster and findings to the school and larger community at the CHS AP Psychology Research Expo 2023
- Engaged in reciprocal feedback with psychology research mentors from UNC-CH and NC State