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EDUCATION

Class of 2026

Society and Environment (B.S.) | University of California, Berkeley

Class of 2022

South Pasadena High School (SPHS)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - present News Reporter | The Daily Californian

- Covering the day's breaking news stories for UC Berkeley's independent, student-run newspaper

2021 - present Freelance Journalist

- Los Angeles Times, Atmos Magazine, Protocol, Teen Vogue, etc
- Mainly covering environmental justice

2021 Intern | Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley

- Helped organize fundraising events; created graphics for social media to advertise services

WRITING EXPERIENCE

2019 - 2022 Staff Writer, Opinion Editor, Online Managing Editor | Tiger Newspaper

- Led my high school's award-winning newspaper as one of three top editors
 - Selected members of the editorial team and staff
 - Managed *Tiger's* online content and digital presence on social media
- Lead editor on [spread about campus sexual misconduct](#)
- Pitched and organized editorial team to collaborate on *Tiger's* [spread on racism in South Pasadena](#)
- Co-created and co-hosted *Tiger's* podcast
- Worked directly with staff writers to develop their journalistic skills

2021 - Present Writer | Bad Activist Collective

- Member of collective that organizes international campaigns and events at global climate conferences
- Contributing writer, interviews activists from around the world for multimedia platform

2021 - Present Writer & Content Strategist | The Eco Justice Project

- Contributing opinion/profile writer to environmental justice digital platform with nearly 50,000 followers

ORGANIZATIONS/VOLUNTEER WORK

2021 - Present Youth Ambassador | Plastic Pollution Coalition (PPC)

- Selected as a representative of the international nonprofit Plastic Pollution Coalition
- Led PPC's 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) campaign

2021 Community Educator | Arlington Garden in Pasadena

- Led volunteers to teach a cohort of 30 elementary-aged kids about plastic waste

2019 - 2021 Peer Advocate | Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley

- Represented SPHS as a part of this two-year program that is composed of SGV-area teens collaborating to promote sexual health education on their respective campuses, and advocate for reproductive rights
- Led two community impact projects
 - 1) LGBTQ+ inclusivity panel 2) presentations on healthy body image and fatphobia
- Participated in canvassing, tabling, and phone banking events; organized peers to do the same
- Lobbied for progressive reproductive rights bills to representatives Ed Chau and Anthony Portantino

2019 - 2020 Youth Commissioner | S. Pasadena Natural Resources & Environmental Commission

- Served as a liaison between South Pasadena's environmental efforts and high school students

AWARDS

2022 Aydin Salek Leadership Scholarship | South Pasadena High School

2022 Special Commendation for Writing | South Pasadena High School

2022 Mary Quon Moy Ing Memorial Scholarship | Asian American Journalists Association

2021 Silver Crown, *Tiger Newspaper* | Columbia Scholastic Press Association

2020 Silver Crown, *Tiger Newspaper* | Columbia Scholastic Press Association