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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston Ill.

Anticipated June 2027

Bachelor of Science in Journalism | Double Major in Neuroscience

Marquette High School, St. Louis, Missouri

May 2023

Cumulative GPA: 4.6

EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Feinberg Institute of Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM), Chicago

Science Writing Intern

Feb. 2024 — Present

- o Dissect complex public health issues into understandable & compelling short- and long-form explainer pieces
- o Report on prominent IPHAM faculty research, public health phenomenons, student achievements and institutional news
- Manage IPHAM social media platforms, including regularly scheduled student features

Northwestern Undergraduate Research Journal, Evanston

Online Publication Editor

Sept. 2023 — Present

- o Review carefully selected pieces for Northwestern's only peer- and faculty-reviewed research journal
- Elevate & promote diverse, accessible, high-quality research from nontraditional voices within NU's research community
- Evaluate research pieces for AP Style adherence & readability for layperson

Very Asian Foundation, St. Louis

Intern & May Book Project Ambassador

June 2022 — Present

- Lead & recruit student ambassadors from 10+ St. Louis high schools to bring more AAPI books into school libraries
- Interview and feature underrecognized AAPI artists & creators for publication on Foundation's website/blog
- o Create & schedule content for Foundation's Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Youtube

Medill-Northwestern Journalism Institute, Online

Student

June 2022 — July 2022

- Selected from applicant pool of ~220 to join students from two dozen states and a dozen countries to study video, audio, photojournalism and digital storytelling
- Pitched story ideas to Broadcast Journalist Carlin McCarthy and received mentorship through detailed feedback
 & critiques on story drafts

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

Story of the Year

Best of Student News Online

June 2022

- o One of 24 stories chosen from a pool of 15,000 submitted to Best of SNO during the 2021-2022 school year
- Reported on local bookstore's response to wave of nationwide book bans: free copies of censored books

Internationals: 2nd place Research Presenter

Health Occupations Students of America, International Leadership Conference

July 2022

- Received 2nd out of 75 candidates at 2022 International Conference
- Examined the neurological basis for self-control & proposed behavioral mechanisms for improving decision-making in adolescents

SKILLS

Computer: Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Audition, SPSS, Qualtrics, Prolific

Languages: Chinese (fluent)