



# Anika Raffle

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## Journalism & Storytelling

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### Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor & Staff Writer, [C Magazine](#) | 2023 - Present

Lead our award-winning Arts and Culture magazine to top honors including [NSPA Best of Show](#) and [CSPA Gold Crown](#). My published art (4) and stories (9) have won [JEANC Digital Media Package Honorable Mention](#), [JEANC Newspub Photo Illustration 3rd Place](#), and [CSPA N12 Personality Profile First Place](#).

### Published Poet | 2018 - Present

My poems (3) have been featured in [Auroras and Blossoms PoArtMo Anthology](#) (2023) and [A Celebration of Poets](#) (2021, 2018).

## Civic Engagement & Leadership

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### Student Rep & Fundraiser, [Rise Together Education](#) | 2022 - Present

Spearheaded a [charity ride](#) & raised \$5,300 from 100+ donors to fund college dreams for low-income classmates. [Advise the Board](#), lead PR efforts to bridge educational equity gaps.

### Student Advisor, [Palo Alto Youth Council](#) | 2022 - Present

Amplifying youth voices in our local government, I plan and facilitate community outreach events that get my peers more interested and involved in local government.

### Student Advisor, [ConnectSafely](#) | 2024 - Present

Advise community conversations about AI, digital wellness, and online safety.

### Counselor, [Camp MAC](#) & [Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp](#) | 2023

Ignited passion for journalism & speech and debate amongst local middle schoolers.

### Founder, [PopVote2020.com](#) | 2020

Created a [web app](#) to combat single-issue voting, [helping 1,200+ voters align candidates with policy priorities](#). Developed skills in research, data interpretation and clear communication. Secured pro-bono support, presented findings to political activists, [published research results](#), and [open-sourced voter data](#).

## Athletics

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### Women's Varsity Rowing Team, [Redwood Scullers](#) / [Penn AC Summer Gold](#) / [NorCal Crew](#) | 2020 - Present

20+ hrs/wk commitment helped my teams reach Youth Nationals in 2022, 2023, and 2024

### Endurance Cycling | 2020 - Present

I find inner strength summiting mountain passes and exploring coastal backroads.

Passionate storyteller, community advocate and endurance athlete, I connect people through journalism, civic engagement, and shared experiences. In my free time, you can find me on my bike or boat, writing an article or poem, or reading with my three cats.

## Education

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**Palo Alto Senior High School, Class of 2025.** Pursuing diverse [AP Capstone](#), [Social Justice](#), and [Design, Visual & Media Arts Pathways](#). Maintaining 4.0/4.33 GPA.

**Yale Young Global Scholars, Solving Global Challenges**, 2024.

**School of the New York Times, Law, Journalism and the UN**, 2022

## Awards & Honors

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### PALY Departmental Awards

Honors Physics 2024  
Honors Chemistry 2023  
Spirit of AP Seminar 2024

### Speech & Debate Team

Devil's Advocate 2022  
Energizer Bunny 2023

## Languages

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English, Spanish