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Journalism & Storytelling

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 (5) 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

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

Spearheaded a [charity ride](#) & raised \$6,500 from 70+ donors to fund college dreams for low-income classmates. [Advise the Board](#), lead PR efforts to bridge educational equity gaps.

Outreach Specialist, [Palo Alto Youth Council](#) | 2022 - Present

Amplify youth voices in local government. Advise, collaborate with Palo Alto City Council.

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

Advise congressional representatives and the business sector on new technologies, wellness and current events about AI, digital wellness, and online safety and current events.

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

Women's Varsity Rower, [Redwood Scullers](#) / [Penn AC Summer Gold](#) / [NorCal Crew](#) | 2020 - Present | Coaches' Choice Award

I dedicate 20+ hours/wk to 5 am trainings, finding rhythm with my teammates while honing focus and discipline. I helped my teams reach Youth Nationals in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Endurance Cyclist | 2020 - Present

Over 3,000 miles & 160,000 vertical feet climbing mountain passes and 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 cycling or rowing, writing an article or poem, or enjoying a book with my three cats.

Education

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

PALY Departmental Awards

Honors Physics 2024
Honors Chemistry 2023
Spirit of AP Seminar 2024

College Board Awards

AP Scholar, National Merit Scholar

Speech & Debate Awards

Devil's Advocate, Energizer Bunny

Languages

English, Spanish