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EDUCATION

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

GPA: 3.42 (Unweighted) | 4.05 (Weighted)

Laurel Springs School, Summer Classes

Degree to be Conferred June 2024

May 2023 - August 2023

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS ACTIVITIES

Group A, Junior Lifeguards

June 2017 – Present

- Dedicated member of Group A within the Junior Lifeguards program, continuously enhancing skills related to water safety, rescue techniques, and physical fitness through active participation during summer seasons.
- Regularly participate in the Junior Lifeguards program during the summer seasons.
- Acquire valuable knowledge and skills related to water safety, including CPR training.
- Engage in daily buoy swims, paddling, and surfing, showcasing dedication to physical fitness.
- Showcase excellent swimming abilities, achieving a 100m freestyle swim time of 1 minute and 11 seconds, surpassing the qualification time of 1 minute and 50 seconds.
- Consistently rank among the top 15 participants during buoy swims, which include warm-up sessions, buoy swims, and planned activities.

Scuba Diving, Prof. Assoc. of Diving Instructors (PADI)

July 2021 – Present

- Proficient in scuba diving with multiple PADI certifications, showcasing a commitment to safety & emergency response, with a passion for adventure & forging connections through shared experiences.
- Certified for Rescue Diving in July 2022, showcasing commitment to emergency response.
- Achieved the Advanced Open Diving certification in September 2021, expanding the scope of diving abilities; attained the Open Water Diving certification in July 2021.
- Participate in beach diving during the summer, exploring underwater landscapes on Wed nights.
- Enjoy open water diving experiences at Catalina Island, exploring diverse marine life.
- Embrace the welcoming & extroverted scuba community, fostering connections & friendships.
- Fun Fact: Had the opportunity to dive with a Netflix actor during a diving expedition at Catalina Island, creating memorable experiences both above and below the surface.

Varsity Golf Athlete, PVPHS Boys' Golf Team

Sept. 2020 – Present

- Joined the Junior Varsity golf team after starting in the Developmental (Frosh-Soph) team.
- Started golf in February 2020 & consistently play 18 holes weekly at Los Verdes Golf Course.
- Score in the high 80s for 18-hole rounds, showcasing dedication and technique development.
- Focus on improving various aspects of the game, including chipping, putting, and swing.
- Bond with friends through golf by watching major tournaments, participating in friendly bets during events such as the Masters.

Psychology + Finance Blog

Jan. 2022 – Present

- Passionate and dedicated blogger with a focus on psychology and finance, committed to expanding knowledge in these fields and sharing insights with a broader audience.
- Research, curate, and select articles related to psychology and finance.
- Write insightful & engaging blog posts by tying in personal interests w/ finance & psychology.
- Consistently produce high-quality content, dedicating approximately one hour per blog post.
- Successfully published a series of blog posts exploring the intersection of psychology and finance, catering to an audience interested in these topics.

Psychology Podcast: Interviews with Therapists & Psychiatrists **Feb. 2022 – Present**

- Conducted engaging interviews with therapists and psychiatrists, each lasting approx. 1 hour.
- Utilized social media outreach to connect with psychologists, scheduling interviews via Zoom.
- Followed a structured set of questions while maintaining conversational & interactive podcast sessions with diverse professionals.
- Established a dynamic and informative podcast series featuring experts in psychology.
- Delivered thought-provoking content, catering to a broad audience interested in the field.

Veritas Community Service Club **Nov. 2021 – Present**

- Actively participate in community service projects, contributing a total of 250 hours annually.
- Engage in various initiatives such as fundraising, crafting blankets, assembling survival kits, sourcing clothing donations, and providing transportation for donations.
- Successfully dedicated 250+ hours/year to support the local homeless population in LA, CA.

Drummer, PVPHS Advanced Jazz Band **Aug. 2020 – Present**

- Mastered full drum set: Snares, Bass, Toms (floor & rack), Ride Cymbal, & Crash Cymbal.
- Specialize in Latin American and Swing Jazz genres, performing classics like "Watermelon Man," "Take Five," and "Take the A Train."
- Began the drumming journey in 6th grade, demonstrating dedication and long-term commitment; dedicate a minimum of 20 minutes daily to drum practice.
- Consistently follow a structured warm-up routine, incorporating improvisation and rudiments, followed by playing through charts (sheet music).
- Successfully auditioned into the advanced jazz band from the intermediate band in junior year and continued in the senior year.

Piano Performance **2012 – Present**

- Completed the ABRSM Grade 8 certificate, playing four pieces from the syllabus.
- Successfully completed the Grade 5 Music Theory Exam, an online standard test with 54 questions and a 2-hour time limit.
- Commit to a 2-hour round trip every week to attend piano lessons, demonstrating dedication to learning and improvement.
- Allocate 30 minutes to 1 hour weekly to study and strengthen music theory knowledge.

Mechanical Keyboard Builder & Enthusiast **July 2020 – Present**

- Meticulously build custom mechanical keyboards, dedicating approx. 3 hours to each build.
- Conduct in-depth research on keyboard components, spending about 1 hour per build.
- Successfully assembled 3 unique mechanical keyboards w/ attention to detail & craftsmanship.
- Compose informative and engaging blog posts covering various aspects of mechanical keyboards and reviewing related products.

Spearfishing & Freediving **Sept. 2022 – Present**

- Organize regular after-school meetups to visit local spots like Smugglers Cove & Malaga Cove.
- Utilize scuba equipment and Hawaiian slings for spearfishing and freediving excursions.
- Fostered strong bonds and camaraderie with friends through shared outdoor adventures.
- Each spearfishing trip typically extends over 3+ hours, which involves coordinating meeting points at friends' houses, driving to the destination, walking to the diving spot, spearfishing, and preparing and cooking the catches.

Art, Sketching + Drawing

Feb. 2019 – July 2022

- Collaborated closely with the teacher to develop sketching skills.
 - Received reference images from the teacher and produced sketches, seeking guidance and feedback during the process.
 - Actively engaged with the teacher to acquire new skills and techniques for each sketch.
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Swim Instructor, South Bay Aquatics

- Started in July 2023 and had to do training for 24 working hours

Volunteer, Panther Music Mentors

- Volunteered to teach drums and piano, July 2022- August 2022
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SKILLS

Languages: English (native fluency), Chinese (fluent), Spanish (AP Level)

AWARDS & HONORS

Golf

2022, Athletic Award, Palos Verdes Peninsula Highschool Jr. Varsity Boys Golf

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Volunteer Awards (e.g. Presidential Volunteer Service Award)

2022, President's Volunteer Service Award, Gold

2023, President's Volunteer Service Award, Gold

QPR Certificate

Emergency preparedness and response to those in crisis and/or displaying warning signs of suicide.

Junior Lifeguards Program

2017~2022, Certificate of Completion for Junior Lifeguard Program, Los Angeles Fire Department

Scuba Diving

2022, Rescue Diver Certification, Professional Association of Diving Instructors

2021, Advanced Open Water Diver Certification, Professional Association of Diving Instructors

2021, Open Water Diver Certification, Professional Association of Diving Instructors

Music - Piano

2023, Grade 5 Music Theory, Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Music - Drums

2021~2022, Certificate of Musical Achievement, Joyful Music and Arts

2020 (discontinued due to COVID-19)

2018~2019, Certificate of Musical Achievement, Joyful Music and Arts

Chinese Language School

2020-2019, L8, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2018, L7, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2017, L6, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2016, L5, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2015, L4, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2014, L3, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2013, L2, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2012, L1, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture

2011, K, Certificate of Achievement, South Bay Chinese School of Language and Culture