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PROFILE

I am pursuing an undergraduate career in film production and writing with extensive experience in poetry, broadcasting, filmmaking, and service to my community.

EDUCATION

GPA (Unweighted): 3.96

Mira Costa High School, Los Angeles, CA

AP U.S. History, May 2015: 4

SAT Reasoning Test: 2040

Subject Test - English: 640

Subject Test - U.S. History: 730

College AP/Honors Coursework

12th grade: AP Environmental Science, AP English Literature & Composition

11th grade: AP Calculus BC, AP U.S. History, English 11 Honors, Earth Science Honors

10th grade: Chemistry Honors

AWARDS/HONORS

Principal's Honor Roll (12, 11, 10, 9)

California Scholarship Federation (12, 11, 10, 9)

National Honor Society (12, 11)

Cinematic Arts Achievement Award (11)

Creative Writing Club Scholar Award (11, 10, 9)

Charlaine Deatherage Award (11)

Brown Book Award (11)

Manhattan Beach Rotary Club's Craft Award for Excellence in Video Production (10)

HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Mustang Morning News Webmaster and News Director: (12, 11, 10) Run website.

Write and Direct Bi-Weekly Newscast. Oversee producers. Attend the National High School Journalism Convention annually. Pacemaker Award for best bi-weekly newscast in the country in 2013 and 2015. "Superior" for best broadcast news package in 2015.

Video Production: (12, 11, 10, 9) Write, direct, and produce several projects each year like "Body," which won Best Interactive at the 2015 South Bay Student Video Festival, and "Spoons," which was selected to screen at the 2015 Big Pride L.A. Film Festival.

Poetry Out Loud: (12, 11, 10, 9) Three-time district winner. 2016 Los Angeles County Champion. Third place at the State Capitol in Sacramento. Poetry recitation.

Creative Writing Club: (12, 11, 10, 9) Founder. President for four years. Write, lead discussion, publish work. Gave TED Talk.

Together We Tutor Club: (12, 11, 10, 9) Founder. Vice President for two years. Tutor 5th Graders in at-risk neighborhoods.

Jewish Cultural Club: (12, 11) Vice President, Junior Year. Service for communities in need, philosophical and social dialogue.

Relay for Life: (12, 11) Walk and find sponsors to raise money for cancer research.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Get Lit - Words Ignite: (12, 11, 10) Write and Perform spoken word poetry. Featured on Pacifica Radio, *Reading Rainbow* and more. Nominated and attended the 2nd Annual Women's Leadership Luncheon at Mayor Eric Garcetti's Getty House. 2nd Place Drop-in Finalist at the 2014 Classic Slam. Performed on Final Stage at Brave New Voices (2015) in Atlanta, Georgia. Performed at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Member of Get Lit Literati Leadership Core Fellowship. Perform across Los Angeles (USC, The Actor's Gang, The Improv, Dodger Stadium), promoting literacy and social justice. Official poetry ambassador for the United Nations' Peace Day.

Private Tutoring: (12, 11) English, History, Science, and Math.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WriteGirl: (12, 11, 10, 9) Plan and participate in monthly workshops. Meet weekly with mentor. Published in three anthologies. Co-published a book of poems with mentor.

Director and Producer of In-House Arts: (12, 11, 10) Salon of 15+ performers travels to a different home each month. Coordinate, emcee the show, and perform.

Film Production: (12, 11, 10) Write, direct, produce, and edit short films, including stop motion, narrative, experimental, and documentary.

LA Youth Poet Ambassador: (11, 10) Selected out of 200+ applicants. LA Youth Poet Laureate Finalist. Performed at Los Angeles Library. Read poems on library book tour.

California State Summer School for the Arts Scholar: (11) Selected to attend one-month creative writing program at Cal Arts. Studied fiction, poetry, and playwriting.

Encore Entertainers: (11, 10, 9) Performed in 20+ musicals and plays. Selected to be on student staff. Choreographed dances. Coached actors.

Peace In Peace Out (10, 9) Meditation, Discussion, and community service through Buddhist Philosophy and comparative religion.

PUBLICATIONS

Get Lit Rising (Simon & Schuster, Fall 2016). *Pine Tree Poetry*- "A Tear is Like." *5 Million Stories*- "2013." *Intensity. No Character Limit. You Are Here*- "Anticipating Nirvana," "The Answer to Everything," "Ghost Bird." *Emotional Map. Reflections 2012. Reflections 2013*- "Rules of Living," "There is a Person," "Too Much Time to Think," "It," "Me." *Reflections 2014. Telltale*- "Soundbites from CSSSA." Co-wrote chapbooks *Water Cafes* and *Blue*.

SKILLS/HOBBIES

Camera operation, film technology and software (Final Cut, Photoshop, Keynote, Motion), advanced computer skills (Word, Excel, Power Point), songwriting & guitar, extensive knowledge of film history and classic and contemporary poetry.