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## EDUCATION

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**Monte Vista High School**, Danville, CA / August 2022 - Present

Activities and Societies: Leadership, Choir, California Scholarship Federation, WASC, Social Club

## EXPERIENCE

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### Town of Danville

*Program Leader*

*February 2023 - July 2023, August 2024 - Present*

- Supervise and ensure the safety of middle school students within the Teen Center
- Plan and implement engaging activities including crafts and interactive programs
- Maintain accurate daily and weekly attendance records
- Document and report students behavior, incidents and concerns
- Engage with parents, addressing feedback and providing updates on student participation
- Lead students through structured activities while fostering a positive and inclusive environment
- Create a safe space for students to discuss mental health concerns

### 826 Valencia

*Intern*

*July 2025- August 2025*

- With a focus on improving mental health conditions for under-resourced communities, I lead writing workshops for students in San Francisco's low income areas for 5 weeks, bolstering creativity and addressing learning gaps.
- Empowered students through literary development and self expression

### Boston Children's Hospital

*Observer*

*June 2025*

- Observed developmental assessments with distinguished child psychologists, including administration of the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, evaluating:
  - Cognitive functioning
  - Fine motor skills
  - Gross motor skills
  - Language development
  - Social-emotional development
- Observed the Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale (NBAS) conducted with infants in the Cardiac Neonatal Neurodevelopment Program (ACCU), assessing neurological integrity and behavioral responses.
- Witnessed an ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) evaluation to understand diagnostic criteria and behavioral markers for autism spectrum disorder.
- Observed medical rounds, gaining insight into interdisciplinary collaboration and the clinical decision-making process in pediatric care.
  - Vascular and classical Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)
  - 2. 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome (DiGeorge Syndrome)
- Observed a pediatric neurologist, including patient interactions involving the use of a medical interpreter to provide accessible care to non-English-speaking families.

### Loaves and Fishes (A Nonprofit dedicated to providing community based food programs and services for basic needs)

*Junior Board Ambassador*

*January 2024 - Present*

- Spearheading a social media ambassadorship program to increase youth engagement and involvement
- Advocating for youth representation on the Loaves and Fishes Board, contributing to the organization's mission of feeding 2300 people daily.
- Successfully organized a food drive resulting in a collection bin overflowing with donations

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## **Bay Area Magic Makers (Part of Peter Pan Foundation, a Nonprofit Encouraging Community Philanthropy Through the Arts)**

*Member and currently Vice President*

*September 2023 - Present*

- Sourcing, organizing and creating engaging social media content to promote the organization.
- Fostering inclusivity and a supportive environment among cast members
- Planning and coordinating cast events for musical productions.

## **National Charity League (Diablo Valley Chapter)**

*Parliamentarian*

*June 2023 - May 2024*

- Advised and provided guidance to fellow officers on parliamentary procedures
- Enhanced meeting efficiency and effectiveness through collaboration with board members
- Served as an expert in rules and order, ensuring smooth chapter operations
- Surveyed chapter members and tracked votes for informed decision-making

## **EXTRACURRICULAR and TRAINING**

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### **Lead singer - Zinnia (my band name) / September 2022 - Present**

- Skilled in the belt and mixed technique, delivering powerful and dynamic vocal performances
- Perform at restaurants, festivals and live music venues engaging diverse audiences
- Write original music lyrics contributing to the band's unique sound and artistic direction
- Collaborate with musicians to refine arrangements and enhance live performances

### **Peter Pan Foundation / September 2023 - Present**

- Performed Madame De La Grande Bouche in Beauty And The Beast (2023)
- Featured performer in Les Misérables Concert Series (2024)
- Performed as Glinda in The Wizard of Oz (2024)
- Performed as Jasmine in Peter Pan Foundation original benefit show titled WUAS (2025)

### **Youth Mental Health Academy- Child Mind Institute / June and July 2024**

- Selected for a competitive five-week paid program with mental health instructors and experts
- Explored the impact, treatment and research of various mental health conditions such as BPD
- Conducted a capstone project analyzing the stigma surrounding individual in mental health institutions utilizing literature review and surveys
- Developed content on virtual workplace skills, featured in YUMA's internship preparation materials

### **Rady Children's Hospital Summer Medical Academy / June 2023**

- Earned Stop the Bleed certification
- Participated in hands-on skills clinics including suturing, brain dissection, and capsule compounding
- Completed a hands-on foundational course on wound management techniques
- Trained in medical history intake, immunization and medication safety
- Gained exposure to palliative care, orthopedics, and emergency medicine fundamentals
- Led the development of a public service announcement on injury prevention with a focus on teen driving

### **Bay Area Children's Theatre Advanced Performers (closed due to financial issues) / August 2020 - August 2023**

- Received competitive-level acting training, focusing on advanced performance techniques
- Engaged in-depth ensemble-driven work, collaborating on theatrical productions
- Won multiple awards at the Junior Theatre Festival
- Wrote and produced an original musical during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Participated in an improv group and won an improv competition

### **Singing – Reeder Music Academy and The Athenian Middle School / Jan 2015 - September 2023**

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- Performed in semiannual recitals at various events throughout the school year
- Developed new songs and refined vocal techniques
- Assisted fellow performers in enhancing their vocal skills and techniques

## **Coding / September 2020 - June 2023**

- Successfully completed three levels of Youngworks' computer science curriculum, focusing on Python and SQL concepts

## **Stagedoor Manor (Performing arts training center located in New York) / Summer 2020 and 2022**

- Participated in a Broadway style show which was fully prepared in 3 weeks
- Took 6 electives pertaining to dance, singing and acting (ex: intro to directing)

## **Danville Girls Choir / August 2016 - May 2022**

- Memorized and performed a diverse repertoire of 30 minutes of music in seasonal concerts
- Participated in a tour of San Luis Obispo, enhancing performance experience in varied settings
- Honed vocal technique through consistent practice, focusing on the efficient use of the vocal mechanism
- Mentored and guided younger choir members ('buddies') facilitating their development through collaborative rehearsals

## **VOLUNTEERING**

**2021 - Present**

### **Hop Skip and a Jump**

- Volunteer with a pediatric social skills group in Walnut Creek, helping and providing feedback on kid's social and emotional skills

### **Loaves and Fishes Dining Room**

- Prepared and served meals in the kitchen and the dining room, contributing to an organization that serves 2,300 people daily

### **Hospice Thrift Shoppes**

- Sorted donated clothing evaluating them for wearability and quality for resale

### **American Cancer Discovery Shop**

- Received and sorted merchandise donations ensuring quality control for inventory
- Tagged clothing and assisted customers with purchases providing a positive shopping experience

### **Night to Shine**

- Served as a buddy for individuals with special needs, supporting and engaging them during the annual gala event in 2024 and 2025

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **National Charity League - Yellow Rosebud Award**

**August 20th, 2023**

Recognized for completing 50 hours of volunteer service, the majority of which were spent volunteering at Loaves and Fishes, a Nonprofit whose mission is to provide community based food programs

### **Junior Theatre Festival 2023 - Excellence in Ensemble**

**February 19, 2023**

Awarded to my theatre company ( Bay Area Children's Theatre) for exceptional teamwork and collaboration within the ensemble. This honor celebrates my cast's ability to work cohesively, contributing to the creation of a dynamic and engaging performance

### **National Charity League - Mother/Daughter Service Award**

**August 20, 2023**

Awarded for combined mother-daughter volunteer hours.

### **StageDoor Manor - Outstanding Ensemble Member**

**July 2, 2022**

Recognized for outstanding collaboration and teamwork in the production of the musical High Fidelity.

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