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Activities

Executive Council, Executive

2025-Present

Executive Council, Vice President

2024-2025

-Responsibilities include representing the student body through organized meetings and events. Key contributions involve reforming the school schedule based on student feedback and establishing more frequent pet therapy sessions to enhance mental health. Efforts to brighten the school's interior have been led (infrastructural reforms), along with organizing assemblies to showcase student talent. Guest speaker events, such as one with Zach Kass, have also been facilitated to inspire and engage peers, all aimed at creating a more inclusive and vibrant school environment.

Student Council, President

2023-2024

-Student council president elected by grade (4 positions in total). Organized community events to raise grade spirit, as well as organizing student panels to help students become more aware about upcoming class selections and future college pathways. Key contributions that reflect this is hosting MORP (social function) for the underclassmen, as well as inviting seniors to be part of a panel for sophomores to gain more insight on course selections and upcoming challenges.

-Delegated tasks and oversaw other student council leaders: secretary, public relations, treasurer.

Debate

2019-Present

-Co-captain of the 2025-2026 China debate team

-Members of the WSDC Debate Team China (C@WSDC) since 10th grade: intensive training and competitions with the national team (20~ members); dedicated 10+ hours every week; trained 30 trainees during a 3-day workshop in Singapore.

-A founding member of Eagle's Speech Organization, G9, G10, raised 68,800 yuan by teaching debate and public speaking classes to younger students. Donated 26,000 yuan to Shanghai Sunrise charity. Organized three free online debate tournaments (SNDO) with 200+ international teams. Hired 30+ renowned debaters as judges and provided trainee judge opportunities. Acted as a committee member and core adjudicator, designing debate topics on current events and social justice. Created posters to advertise for this event within the international debate community.

-SAS Debate club public relations officer

Service/Youth Advocacy/United Nations

2022-Present

-United Nations Youth Delegate at the 2024 Summit of the Future: Spoke in UN sessions (filled with professionals and UN members) to advocate and represent youth, specifically from Asia, about global issues.

-Invited to be the only student and panelist from Asia to speak at the Columbia University (Ages of Globalization) Pre-Summit of the Future panel, hosted by Jeffrey Sachs). Spotlighted the importance of youth advocacy/engagement, and educational challenges faced in Asia.

-Forming a student-led newsletter specifically writing about SDGs and its developments/challenges, in the hopes of providing more awareness to the youth in Asia (Shanghai specifically). Dismantling language barriers, and democratizing knowledge to promote youth engagement by utilizing my linguistic abilities to publish articles in: English (targeted for International School Students), French (for French people near the French Concession of Shanghai), Korean (targeted to the large Korean population around the Gubei Area), and Chinese. + Aspiring to

create printed versions of certain SDG articles to give to students in rural communities that often lack access to current events / UN goals.

-Founder of Seed the Stars: A certified NGO; hosts community events specifically designed for youth with neurological disabilities; fundraises to alleviate financial struggles of families of neurological disabled (currently raised 32,000 RMB); strive to create a nurturing and inclusive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families, providing support and resources to those in need.

-Founder of Trials of Civility: Creating a 10-episode video series about public policies and their impact on the differently-abled; plans to include interviews; online seminars to engage in the international community; 3 international partners (ie. UNESCO).

Model United Nations

2021-Present

-MUN Club public relations officer: Hosts annual MUN conferences at school, with 300+ delegates and 12+ schools (24 consecutive years); develops school curriculum for MUN after school sessions; runs school's MUN social presence

-Attended the Global United Nations Spotlight Training Program (online course): lectured and trained by United Nations diplomats and heads of various programs; only 5 out of china were selected to participate.

Art

2023-Present

-Dedicated to advocacy through art, actively involved in creating an architecture portfolio that highlights social issues and community narratives. Projects aimed to progress the UN SDGs. Including but not limited to: Architectural reconstruction of embassies to encompass cultural/historical elements to bridge gaps in diplomacy, architectural modelling of "walls" that symbolize the challenges/conflicts around borders, etc.

Taekwondo

2022-Present

-Black belt

-Taught lessons to disabled taekwondo athletes in South Korea, and continuously fundraises and makes donations to its program to fund Taekwondo lessons for disabled youth.

Academic Achievements

Debate

International

Continuously attended 30+ International + National Competitions in all debate forms; broke/received awards in most of the competitions.

-National Champion of NSDA USA WSDC; 2022

-HKPDS Grand-finalist + 3rd best speaker; 2024

-Singapore International Schools Debate Competition (Largest competition in Asia) 1st best senior speaker 2024

-Eurasian Schools Debating Championship 1st best overall speaker 2024

-IDTL International Debate Tournament Ljutomer Champion ; 2025

-Shanghai International Debate Open Champion ; 2025

Model United Nations

International

-MUNUC Young Leaders Conference (UChicago) Best Delegate; 2023

-MUN Refugee Conference (recognized by UNHCR) Best Delegate; 2023

Mathematics

International

-Honor Roll of Distinction (top 1%) AMC 10; 2022

-Distinction AMC 12; 2023

Writing

International

- Runner-up New York Times Summer Reading contest; 2021
- Honorable Mention Scholastic Art & Writing Awards; 2022+2023
- Bronze Medal, Harvard International Review Contest (Spring); 2024
- Gold Key + National Silver Medal, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards; 2025

School

- Global Citizen award

Summer

Grade 9

- Attended the University of Pennsylvania's Social Justice Research Program
- The University of Pennsylvania Student Researcher with William Burke-White: wrote about International Law and the Governance of Transnational Challenges; completed a paper on the intersection of international law and its influence on international relations, analyzing how legal frameworks shape state behavior and interaction in the global arena; received a grade of A and a highly praised recommendation letter.

Grade 10

- Attended the Columbia University's Human Rights in the 21st Century: Challenges in International Law and Advocacy Program
- Taught by Stephanie Greppo from Columbia University, valuable insights were gained from numerous invited advocates and diplomats on how to enhance advocacy efforts and projects. The experience deepened understanding of ethics and global issues related to human rights.

Grade 11

- Secured an internship with the Ban Ki-moon Foundation