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EDUCATION

Maclay School

Tallahassee, Florida

Head of School Scholar: \$80,000 scholarship covering high school tuition

- GPA: 4.0/4.0 | Cum Laude | ACT: 35

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Smith Thompson Shaw P.A.

Tallahassee, Florida

Intern

January 2025 - Present

- Worked 3 weekdays after school. Learned about bankruptcy law, helped file cases, and assisted in reviewing documents before sent to clients and the court.

Leon County Teen Court

Tallahassee, Florida

Teen Attorney

June 2022 - Present

- Attended teen court each Tuesday where I either served as the attorney for the defendant or for the state. Helped guide many teens through this diversion program and helped improved each teen court to make it as beneficial for the defendants and everyone involved in the case. Gained experience in writing opening statements, questioning, and closing statements.

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

Tallahassee, Florida

Researcher

June 2025 – July 2025

- Worked on a research project under the guidance of Dr. White and focused on analyzing police responses to crisis calls in Gadsden County. Used VBA and Python to process data into an accessible form for a python-based simulation model.

Maclay School

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English Teacher's Assistant

August 2023- May 2024

- Helped in assisting students with essays, papers, and basic grammar as well. Worked with students one-on- one to develop writing skills.

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Peer Tutor

January 2025 - Present

- Guided students preparing for the SAT and ACT with help for test taking strategies and preparation. Worked with students to learn from their mistakes and improve.

LEADERSHIP & INTERESTS

Euro Challenge Competition

Florida, Miami, and New York

Team placed 1st in the state and 3rd in the nation

August 2023 - April 2024

- As part of a 3-person team, I built a multi-faceted proposal to address inflation in Greece. Observed European Union policies and the policies of Greece for the best way to change the financial situation given the history of the country.

Maclay Debate Club

Tallahassee, Florida

Founder and President

January 2024 – Present

- Formed a debate club at my school and recruited a lawyer and previous national Lincoln-Douglas debate winner to be the advisor and sponsor for the team. Helped transform the debate opportunities at my school and help new debate students learn how to debate and powerful argumentation skills.

Junior Classical League

Tallahassee, Florida

Treasurer and Member of the Florida Junior Classical League

August 2022- Present

- Actively participated in the club by helping to organize several fundraising events, county wide competitions, and attending state competitions. Shaped the group's goals and future events.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Tallahassee, Florida

Ambassador and Counselor

June 2024 - Present

- Attended leadership seminar as school representative and was selected to return as a youth counselor. Help prepare seminar for upcoming students and reach out to school administrators to advocate for the program. Will serve as a counselor this upcoming summer to next class of ambassadors.

MEMBERSHIPS AND INTERESTS

Additional Memberships: Cross Country team, Track and Field Team, Red Cross Volunteer, Key Club, Rho Kappa (National History Society), Youth Leadership Tallahassee, Youth Health Leadership, Website Manager of StemOut, Indian Association of Tallahassee Dance Group

Interests: Running, Reading, Spending time outdoors