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<https://47nb42.net>

EXPERIENCE

Member, MOCA Teen Program

Fall 2022 - Current

One of 15 students selected from junior and senior high school classes around Los Angeles for an academic-year-long, paid position about museum affairs and contemporary art. Drive an hour and a half on Thursday nights and some weekends to work with museum professionals, investigate current exhibitions, make art, design the Teen Zine, and plan Teen Night with cohort.

Campaign Volunteer, Youth for Bass, Karen Bass for Los Angeles Mayor

Summer - Fall 2022

Assisted the campaign with activities such as photography for social media, designing flyers and logos, and supporting events targeted to young voters. Chaired art committee. Member of internal planning leadership committee and communications committee.

Volunteer Intern, Skirball Cultural Center

Summer 2022

Assisted CEO's office with administrative tasks. Created a prospect spreadsheet and helped assemble board docket. Learned about a culturally based exhibition space guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and American democratic ideals of freedom and equality.

Public Programs Volunteer, Heal the Bay Aquarium

Summer 2022

Assisted with marine biology education. Taught visitors about local species in hands-on exhibits.

Ambassador Program Volunteer, Viewpoint School

2019

Represented admissions office by introducing prospective families to school via tours and panels.

Volunteer Swim Teacher, St. Thomas Swim Association

Summer 2021, 2020

Taught toddlers to adults basic swimming. Targeted lessons to each student's level and needs.

EDUCATION

Viewpoint School - Lower, Middle, and High School

2016 - Current

Senior Year: AP Art History, AP Comparative Government and Politics, Business Calculus, Hispanic Culture and Conversation , VAS Honors Seminar in Enviro Science, VAS World Literature Honors

COURSES

Sotheby's Institute of Art - Pre-College

Summer 2023

Art / Luxury / Fashion

Columbia University Pre-College Program

Summer 2023

Talking and Writing About Art

School of the New York Times Summer Academy

Summer 2022

Journalism, Law, and the United Nations

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Speech and Debate

2018 - Current

World Debate Team & Viewpoint Speech and Debate Team

Debate team captain responsible for assisting coach with scheduling and training new debaters. (2021-Current)

Black Student Union

2017 - Current

Member of the board dedicated to student participation and organizational planning. (Current)

Event Coordinator (Current) & High School STEP Dance Team member (2021-Current)

Doing Good Fund

2018 - Current

Established a Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands donor-advised fund for Bat Mitzvah.

David Labkovski Project

2022 - April, 2023

Selected to be student docent for Holocaust history arts education program.

Competitive Swimming

2017 - 2022

Waves & Viewpoint Swim Team

Model United Nations

2017 - 2020

East Valley YMCA Middle School MUN, Viewpoint MUN, & League of Creative Minds

POSTS AND PAPERS

Contemporary Art in LA+ and Dumpst3r

February, 2023 - Current

Established a blog and e-newsletter distributed to over 200 students, academics, and civic and creative leaders, dedicated to exploring issues of global justice, environmental sustainability, and technology in contemporary art (47nb42.net). Experience led to my formation of Dumpst3r, a multi-media, girl-run, LA-based collective for the creative work of youth who tend to sit outside the mainstream (www.dumpst3r.art).

Student Protest Poetry Art and Prose

June 13, 2023

Collaboration with teacher at Montessori School & Peter Gruber International Academy (VIMSIA) on St. Thomas, USVI. Produced a virtual magazine for teacher's high school literature class focusing on protest art. Magazine features the student works with my contemporary art recommendations. (<https://publuu.com/flip-book/124624/407953>)

Artists as Changemakers

Fall, 2022

Wrote independent study paper for Viewpoint School featuring perspectives from the Caribbean, South Africa, and the United States.

INTERESTS

Creative writing, painting, public policy (e.g., climate change and human rights), marine science, sailing, and reading. Open Water scuba certification.