

Energetic, kind teen who finds joy in community and civic engagement; and in learning, performing, and teaching all kinds of music

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EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2026

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- National Merit Semi-Finalist (12)
- National Honor Society (10-12)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (11-12)
- AP Scholar w/ Distinction
- AP Capstone Diploma
- 15 AP courses

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

(More detailed clubs, next column)

- Varsity Swim Team (9-12)
Co-Captain, 12th grade
- Guitar Club (11-12)
Founded club; donated guitars; led classmates; Bronze at Hudson County Teen Arts Fest 2025; Club evolved to daily rock band class!
- Chorus Club (10-12)
Seasonal performances around city
- Strings (violin) (9-10)
Judges Award, Ensemble, 2023 Hudson County Teen Arts Festival, Judges Award (1st chair)

DRAMA CLUB (K-12!)

- Highlights include first-ever NJ troupe to perform Main Stage at International Thespian Festival, 2024 (*Into The Woods*)
- First North American school to perform *Harry Potter & The Cursed Child*
- 1st Place, Musical Theater Ensemble, 2024 Speech & Theatre Assoc of NJ
- 2nd Place, Dramatic Pairs, 2024 STANJ
- Finalist, Musical Pairs, 2024 STANJ
- 6th Place, Contrasting Monologues, 2025 STANJ
- Superior Award, Contrasting Monologues, 2023 NJ Thespian Festival
- Main castings: Dewey Finn, *School of Rock* (Upcoming Spring '26) ; Senex, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to the Forum*; Ron Weasley, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*; Cinderella's Prince, *Into the Woods*; Caldwell B. Cladwell, *Urinetown*; Mr. Wormwood, *Matilda*, Gomez, *The Addams Family*; Augustus Gloop, *Willy Wonka*; Chip the Teacup, *Beauty & The Beast*

DEBATE CLUB (9-12):

- 2025 Princeton Moot Court, Quarterfinalist Team / overall
- 2025 St. Peter's University Model UN, Most Improved Team /committee
- 2025 Harvard Model Congress SF, Honorable Mention / committee
- 2024 Harvard Model Congress SF, First Place Team / committee

STUDENT GOVERNMENT (9-12)

- Committee Chairs: Voter Registration, Philanthropic, Student Welcoming
- Successfully pitched hosting mayoral debate, uniting city & school gov'ts

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FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, NOV 2024 - PRESENT

- Multli-city initiative to help make drum circles, and their therapeutic benefits, accessible to students facing socioeconomic-related adversity

We do so by:

- Donating our self-made hand drums to under-resourced public schools & community centers
- Authoring a drum circle curriculum supplement, implemented by our partner schools

Reach so far:

- Partnering with the largest school districts in: Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; New Haven, CT; New York City, NY; Newark, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Providence, RI; Wilmington, DE; Washington, DC
- Benefiting up to 6,000 kids per year

Scaling & ensuring longevity by:

- Partnerships with School of Rock franchisees; selected students to lead efforts in their regions
- Equipping independent volunteers through our publicly available how-to guide
- Engaging community support via our volunteer events

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CIVIC & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

VOLUNTEER, EMILY JABBOUR FOR HOBOKEN MAYOR FEB 2025 - NOV 2025

- Learned about election campaigns strategy
- Initiated door knocking & bipartisan political discourse

APPOINTEE, HOBOKEN CITY COUNCIL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION, 2021-2024

- Appointed twice by the City Council & the Mayor
- Represented teen interests across civic matters
- Created detailed proposal for inclusive, community teen hangouts in collaboration with Hoboken businesses
- Participated in ordinance process, proposal to approval

VOLUNTEER GUITAR INSTRUCTOR HOBOKEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, FEB '23 - PRESENT

- Recipient, 2024 Hoboken Community Hero Award
- Teach bi-weekly group lessons for local youth
- Started summer music day camp, 3x week

VOLUNTEER HOBOKEN COMMUNITY PERFORMER NOV 2023- PRESENT

- Guitar & singing at: Hoboken Housing Authority Winter Wonderland; Heart of Hoboken / Hoboken Best Buddies; Hoboken Tree Lighting Ceremony

EMPLOYMENT & MUSIC PERFORMANCE

PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR, GUITAR & UKULELE JULY 2021 - PRESENT

- Started teaching fellow kids at age 13
- Private lessons for 15 students / 500+ hrs
- Donate 1/3 to music accessibility initiatives

MUSIC CAMP COUNSELOR SCHOOL OF ROCK HOBOKEN, AUG 2024 + AUG 2025

- Helped make musical bands of little kids!

SCHOOL OF ROCK HOBOKEN, 2019-2025

- Performed with top "House Band" 12+ venues incl USA's largest festival, Summerfest, Milwaukee
- Primary instruments: vocals, guitar, bass

INVITED PERFORMING MUSICIAN, SXSW, AUSTIN TX, MARCH 2023

- Played guitar & vocals, Austin Meets Mesa Music Festival

IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE FUN

- Beale Street in Memphis, Scottish pub with locals, Lynryd Skynrd Memorial in Mississippi with locals

SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING

RESEARCH INTERN, NYU STEINHARDT / NORDOFF-ROBBINS CENTER FOR MUSIC THERAPY, MARCH 2025-PRESENT

- Collect data for research from live clinical sessions on efficacy of music therapy on neurodiverse clients
- Measure engagement; record therapeutic effects

STUDENT, SUMMER COURSE, MUSIC THERAPY NYU NORDOFF-ROBBINS CENTER, JULY 2025

- Learned about musical therapy, including resources and techniques in assessment & treatment

STUDENT, BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC, VALENCIA, SPAIN, JULY 2023

- Pre-college; guitar/ jazz ensemble under top instructors
- Performed at Un Lago De Conciertos

SUMMER SHADOW, DAVID O. MARKUS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, JULY 2025

- Gained one-on-one insights from prominent defense litigator into: case strategy, courtroom procedure, client rights, ethics, writing & filing briefs & motions, jury selection, AI in future of law

STUDENT, SUMMER LEADERS ACADEMY, PRE-LAW FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, JULY 2024

- Developed broad understanding of the industry: types of law, skillsets & qualifications needed, and more
- Heightened my interest in policy & advocacy / law

FUN FACT

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