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EDUCATION

The University of California, Irvine: Bachelor in Literary Journalism + Bachelor in Environmental Science and Policy
3.8 GPA | June 2023 - 2027

EXPERIENCE

AAJA Voices Fellow- Asian American Journalists Association 2026 May 2026 -June 2026

- Reported on Japanese Americans moving to Japan during an anti-foreigner political shift; interviewed 7 sources in both Japanese and English; presented project at national AAJA conference

Local News Desk Intern - *Orange County Register*; Orange County, CA June 2025 - September 2025

- Published 2 to 3 stories per week covering local city and county-wide news coverage of an invasive fly infestation
- Filed in-depth story on environmental equity in Orange County, interviewing 12 sources, published on Sunday A1

Layout Editor- *New University*; Irvine, CA January 2025 - Present

- Oversee layout design for seven sections of the bi-weekly print edition of the official campus newspaper
- Manage a team of five designers, developing their Adobe InDesign and Photoshop skills

President and Founder - *Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) UCI Chapter*; Irvine, CA Oct. 2025 - Present

- Founded and led a new AAJA chapter, planning programs and building community for student journalists
- Invited to speak on a panel at UCI's Center for Storytelling to discuss AAJA's book *Intersections* and highlight the role of Asian American journalists in advancing representation in newsrooms

Breaking and Campus News Writer- *New University*; Irvine, CA Sep. 2023 - January 2025

- Filed daily stories and produced breaking news videos, gaining over 10,000 views during campus protests
- Featured in NPR article and recognized by UCI Department of Literary Journalism for coverage of campus protests

Science Communications Intern- *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*; Sep. 2024 - June 2025

- Wrote 10 feature stories on NOAA scientists and community leaders, effectively conveying marine science research
- Trained in climate interpretation and public audience engagement

Sustainable Food and Agriculture Fellow - *University of California, Office of the President*; Sep. 2025 - Present

- Launched Community Fridge Project in student housing to reduce food waste and increase access to nutritious food
- Contributing to UC goals to reach 25% Sustainable Food Procurement by 2030 for all campuses

Student Board Vice President - *Food Recovery Network UCI Chapter*; Irvine, CA Sep. 2024 - Present

- Founded the weekly Farmers Market Food Recovery Program, recovered over 2,000 lbs of fresh produce
 - Maintained relationships with 16 local farmers and 3 food pantries to facilitate donations
 - Awarded campus-wide Outstanding Sustainability Initiative Award for efforts in reducing food waste
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SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in English and Japanese, intermediate French
- Programs: Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Python, Adobe Premiere Pro, Canva, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, WordPress