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Education

Texas Christian University (TCU), Fort Worth, TX

GPA: 3.979 | Journalism major | Italian minor | Anticipated graduation: May 2025

Awards: Scholar's List (3 semesters), Dean's List (3 semesters), John V. Roach Honors College (2 semesters)

Scholarships: Dean's Scholarship, Summer of Discovery, International Study Award

Work Experience

TCU 360 | *Staff Writer*

January 2023 - present

- Report on media platforms including digital, paper and social media
- Cover Student Government and campus emergencies
- Moderated the debate between student government presidential candidates

Just Love Coffee Cafe Mt. Juliet | *Barista*

May 2023 - present

- Serve coffee, specialty drinks, and food at the highest-ranked franchise location in the country

Her Campus Media | *Senior Editor since December 2022*

January 2022 - present

- Write and edit articles and blogs for the TCU branch of Her Campus
- Focus on amplifying writers' voices and creating a welcoming environment for women at TCU

KTCU | *Disc Jockey*

January 2022 - December 2022

- Interned as a DJ, picked music and operated behind the mic
- Spoke on-air to report news and interview guests about everything from favorite music to favorite foods

Common Grounds Fort Worth | *Barista*

August 2022 - May 2023

- Served coffee, specialty drinks, and pastries
- Created a community of students and coffee lovers through social media presence and in-person service

Leadership Experience

Global Academy | *Participant*

March 2022 - June 2022

- Studied in a class devoted to exploring the rich diversity, cultural differences and sustainability issues in Sicily, Italy
- Traveled abroad to Sicily for two weeks to tangibly study Sicilian problem-solving and engage in local non-profit initiatives

Global Scholars Program | *Member*

Fall 2021 - present

- Participate in a four-year, co-curricular program that focuses on global competencies
- Incorporate classroom learning, individualized global learning objectives, and study abroad programs into a portfolio

Washington Journalism and Media Conference | *National Youth Correspondent*

June 2019

- Selected to attend summer program at George Mason University for aspiring journalists
- Participated in decision-making simulations that challenge students to "explore the creative, practical, and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media" with media CEOs and journalism faculty

Skills: proficient in Italian, interpersonal communication, quick learner, problem-solver, customer service, time management, group work, Google Suite, Microsoft Office 365, Canva, WordPress