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STUDENT, VISUAL ARTIST, POET, ASPIRING AUTHOR, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

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Rising high school senior with a strong interest in art, the social sciences, and urban studies - hoping to continue exploring how my creativity can connect with community impact, civic engagement, advocacy, and entrepreneurship. Passionate about painting and public art, and excited to continue growing technically and creatively through new experiences and eventual studies at the college level. Current projects include writing and illustrating a children's book on pedestrian and bicycle safety (expected Fall 2026), continued development of painting techniques, and experimenting with textiles and multimedia. Motivated, hardworking, and eager to use both artistic expression and leadership skills to contribute positively to the world and the communities around me.

EDUCATION

ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

11th Grade 2025-2026, 4.88 weighted GPA

- Visual Arts Center Magnet Program, One of approximately 25 artists in my class/cohort selected for 4-year County-wide Magnet Program
- Congressional Art Competition, VisArts Juried Exhibit, 2025 & 2026. 2x Runner Up, displayed in Congressman Jamie Raskin's Office throughout 2025-2027
- Scholastic Regional Gold Key Art Winner, 2024
- Scholastic Regional Honorable Mention (2x), 2025
- "Artists on the Rise" Juried Exhibit, Montpelier Art Center, 2026

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS SUMMER CAMP

9th-11th Grades, Summers 2023-2025, *Twin Lake, MI*

- Studied drawing, acrylic painting, textiles and ceramics for 2 weeks each summer, earned portfolio-based merit scholarships
- Selected as "Outstanding Camper of the Year – Visual Arts, Session One" for Summer 2024, 1 of approx 75 campers
- Attending again in the Summer of 2026, to continue painting and textiles study

WORK EXPERIENCE, HONORS, ACTIVITIES, AND VOLUNTEERING

DOMINIQUE DAWES GYMNASTICS ACADEMY, Recreational Gymnastics Coach, February 2025-Present, 12-15 hours per week during school year, *Rockville, MD*

- Work as a youth recreational gymnastics coach, teaching gymnastics skills and good sportsmanship to children ages 6-13 years old
- Perform other duties as assigned, such as record-keeping, interacting with parents and guests, and cleaning

INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION AWARD FROM THE MARYLAND GIFTED AND TALENTED ADVISORY COUNCIL, February 2026

- Nominated and selected as one of 4 high school students from across the State of Maryland for the Individual Achievement in Gifted & Talented Education - an award based on academic initiative and achievement, artistic accomplishments, community service, and leadership

NAACP AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS (ACT-SO), August 2023 – Present, *Montgomery County, MD*

- Five-time Regional Gold Medalist in Painting (3x); Photography (1x); Poetry (1x)
- Regional Silver and Bronze Medalist in Drawing
- Finalist in National ACT-SO competition in 2024 and 2025, and competing again nationally, July 2026
- Participate in many NAACP cultural events, presenting artwork across the County throughout the year

WHEATON ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ADVISORY BOARD, Youth Representative, 2023-2024, *Wheaton MD*

- Selected by Council Member Natali Fani-Gonzalez to be the one Youth Representative on the Wheaton Arts & Entertainment Advisory Committee, alongside of approximately 10 adult Members
- Participated in monthly board meetings and reviewed proposals to launch Creative Wheaton, a 501(c)3 guiding the activation of the designated arts and entertainment District in Wheaton, MD
- Planned and executed a youth survey and two Youth Town Hall events, instrumental in gathering the input of over 150 youth in the Wheaton, MD area helping to inform the direction of district arts and entertainment activities

FREELANCE CHALK ARTIST, 2020 – Present, *Wheaton, MD*

- Create chalk murals at various community events and competitions
- Rockville VisArts Art Festival, Chalk Competition, 2nd Place, 2025
- Silver Spring Chalk Festival, Artist, 2023; Briefly interviewed in a segment on WETA Arts! S11 Ep1, “Chalk Riot’s Sidewalk Art Helps Revive Communities
- Montgomery County Families for Safe Streets, “ChalkRiot!” Community Chalk-in, Artist, 2023
- Bay City, Michigan, Chalk Walk, 1st Place artist in the 11-14 year old category, 2020

PRESIDENT’S GOLD VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, December 2024

- Earned a certificate and pin from the President of the United States, for completing over 100 hours of volunteer service over the course of 2024

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISION ZERO YOUTH AMBASSADOR, January 2025 – May 2026, *Rockville, MD*

- Selected by Montgomery County Department of Transportation in both 2025 and 2026 for a competitive traffic safety ambassador program, earning over 70 student service learning hours and culminating in two annual County-wide “Safety Day” events, each with over 1,500 attendees.
- In 2025, served as the “Lead Ambassador” for the Traffic Garden group, leading a team of 9 fellow Ambassadors in planning and executing a project to teach hundreds of youth from Montgomery County about how to safely navigate a roadway on a bicycle or a scooter. In 2026, served as a Lead Peer Mentor, overseeing larger parts of the broader project and facilitating meetings amongst Lead Ambassadors.

GIRL SCOUT, TROOP 2317, September 2014 – Present, *Wheaton, MD*

- Currently working on an approved proposal for a Girl Scout Gold Award, authoring and illustrating a children’s book, to educate 5-8 year olds on the topic of pedestrian and bicycle safety. Expected publication date, Fall 2026.
- Earned Girl Scout Silver Award in 2023, through an individual Take Action project to combat food insecurity. Developed an educational website with an ecommerce component to sell my handmade jewelry designs. Used proceeds from these sales (approx. \$500 over 5 weeks) to stock the Einstein High School “Titan Pantry.”

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILIES FOR SAFE STREETS, VOLUNTEER, 2021-Present

- Help install roadside memorials and participate in advocacy events

AEHS VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD, August 2023 – January 2026, Team Captain in 2025 and 2026, *Kensington, MD*

- One of 10 varsity cheerleaders and the only Freshman who made the varsity squad the 2023 Fall season.
- Most Valuable Player, 2024; Coaches Award, 2023

AEHS VARSITY STUNT TEAM, February 2026 – May 2026, Team Captain, *Kensington, MD*

- Served as Team Captain to lead the inaugural Stunt Team, a new varsity sport introduced in 2026. Conducted clinics for my teammates, teaching them tumbling skills to increase our competitiveness.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION, VOLUNTEER, 2023, *Wheaton, MD*

- Did arts and crafts with children at community events, including the Wheaton Eye Spy Train

WHEATON ARTS PARADE, VOLUNTEER, 2023 and 2024, *Wheaton, MD*

- Helped with set up and stage management on Parade day

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE CAMP, 2022 and 2023, *Silver Spring, MD*

- Completed Leadership Challenge Camp, including 70 hours working with children at a summer school program over the course of Summer 2022 and 2023

SHEPHERD’S TABLE & SMART SACKS VOLUNTEER, 2022-Present, *Silver Spring, MD*

- Served meals to community members during several different dinner-time shifts at their Silver Spring center
- Volunteered with my Girl Scout Troop on several occasions, to pack weekend food bags for children