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Education

- Meridian High School, Advanced Diploma, May 2024, GPA 4.3
- Berklee College of Music, Bachelor's Degree in Music expected 2028, GPA 4.0
 - Awarded Berklee World Tour Scholarship, 4 years

Musical Training

- Classical and jazz trumpet study, 2017 - present
- Electronic Music Production and Sound Design Workshop, Berklee College of Music, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2023
- Oberlin Trumpet Workshop, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, July 2022

Musical Activities

- Meridian High School Electronic Music Club, leader and co-founder, 2023-2024
- International Music Collaboration with Sejong (Korea) Global High School leader, led collaboration between students in Korea and Meridian, jointly composed a song, "We Sing the Same", on the theme of peace, 2023
- Meridian High School Wind Ensemble, 2021-2023
 - First chair, trumpet section, Junior and Senior years
 - Featured soloist, Vanderbilt University School of Music Clinic with Dr. Thomas Verrier, Director of Wind Studies, 2023
 - Superior ratings at district assessment, Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association, 2022 and 2023
- Meridian High School Jazz Band, 2021-2023
 - Lead trumpet, 2022-2023
 - Recorded at RCA studios, Nashville, TN, 2023
 - Recorded at N38 Studios, Falls Church, VA, 2023
 - Notable performance list available upon request
- Meridian High School Pep Band, 2021-2023
- Trumpet and Flugelhorn, pit orchestra for Meridian High School Production of *Pippin*, 2022

Extracurricular Activities

- Tri-M Music Honors Society member, 2021-2023
- U.S. Cyber Patriots, Air and Space Forces Association, 2021-2023
- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 681 Falls Church, 2017-2022

Awards and Recognitions

- Awarded a Critic Award for Creativity by the Cappies of the National Capital Area (Cappies) (<https://www.cappies.com/nca/awards/2024>) for composing and producing an original digital score for Meridian High School's production of *Frankenstein*, 2024
- Nominated for a Critic Award for Creativity by the Cappies (<https://www.cappies.com/nca/awards/2023>) for composing, arranging, conducting, and performing music for Meridian High School's production of Moliere's *The Love Doctor*, 2023
- Participated as one of two U.S. Delegates to Sejong International Youth Forum, Sejong, Korea, presenting the theme of "peace through musical collaboration" between the United States and Korea, 2023
- Selected to perform trumpet for Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA), District Band 2021-2023 and qualified for All-State audition, 2023
- Selected to perform trumpet for All Star Big Band, Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival, 2023
- Received award for Excellence in International Baccalaureate Music, 2023
- Earned AP Scholar with Distinction
 - Calculus BC, 2023
 - Computer Science, 2022
 - Physics, 2022

Other Activities

- Composed original scores for Meridian IB film studies students, 2022-2023
- Volunteered at Creative Cauldron regional theater, staged props, worked light booth, operated livestream cameras, 2021
- Organized weekly neighborhood musical performances during COVID-19 pandemic, 2020