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AWARDS & HONORS

MUSIC

2019 "Music in the Parks":
superior trophy for Monteria
Middle School with Mr. Swihart

2022 "Music in the Parks":
superior trophy for Skyline High
School with Mr. Green

LANGUAGE

2023: Deutsches Sprach Diploma
(DSD 1)

AATG, German National Exams:
2019/2021 silver, 2020 bronze

FILM

2023: "Who Stole the Cookies?"
won the Best Actor award in the
high school division at "[Fall 48](#)"

PROFILE

After graduating from Skyline High School in Oakland, CA, this spring, I will attend CSUN pursuing a major in film production and a minor in theatre. My passion for music, dance, cinematography, and acting fuels my desire to create films. For 4 years I've been part of my school's Dance Production Honor's Class. I performed in a musical this spring, and will attend the Spindrift School of Performing Arts this summer. It was an honor to be the concertmaster for an after-school orchestra this year. My interest in video games, movies, and anime has sparked my love for cosplay and writing. I enjoy traveling, am bilingual, and have dual citizenship in the US and Germany.

SKILLS

Adobe Suite: Premiere Pro (intermediate), Photoshop (entry level), Acrobat; Video Star app (proficient); Google Slides + Docs; PowerPoint; MicroSoft Word

LEADERSHIP

- Part of Skyline's Leadership Program: we fundraise and plan events, implement improvements on campus, and lead tours for incoming students and their families
- IWE at Skyline: I was a teacher's assistant for World History, 10th grade
- Concertmaster for [MUSE Vivo Orchestra](#): I've been part of the Oakland Symphony's [MUSIC](#) for [Excellence \(MUSE\)](#) after-school program since middle school and was proud to lead my fellow 7th-12th graders as concertmaster this year

LANGUAGES

- For 13 years I've attended the [German School of the East Bay](#), a Saturday school for native speakers and second-language learners. This has allowed me to participate in German National Exams, which are sponsored by The German Ministry of Culture. DSD 1 is a test split into 2 days and covers reading and listening comprehension, a written section, as well as an oral presentation. Passing this German Language Diploma allows me to attend higher learning institutions in Germany. This May I will also take an AP Test (Advanced Placement) at a college level for German.
- In 10th grade I passed the test for German language proficiency and, while I liked my Spanish class, going forward I used my school time for a second elective.
- I'm very interested in ASL (American Sign Language) and attended a weekly lunch club at Skyline with proficient ASL speakers and learners.

VOLUNTEER & WORK

- BABY SITTING: I advertised my services at a block party and have been very busy watching several kids and also help neighbors set up and host large parties.
- PET SITTING: I'm in charge of our family dog Zack (8y) and I really love animals. I'm often called to cat sit for multiple families, but have also cared for fish, and fought off some persistent raccoons so an outdoor cat can enjoy her meal.
- MUSIC: The [Cazadero's JumpStart Music Program](#) was always special to attend as a student, but in 2022 I was honored to be a mentor for a group of middle school students. I've been playing violin for 10 years and help my teacher with her younger students at events and holiday parties. Through the MUSE program I've performed at a church for holiday services and do community service hours by helping my teachers with younger students.
- EDITING: I started editing before I joined my school's Computer Pathway and also enjoy video games. As a freelancer I was hired create content on my TikTok account for specific game updates or launches to create a community hype.
- FILM: In fall of 2023 I worked on a professional film set as a hair & makeup assistant for 3 days. I'm excited to return to the set during spring break to complete filming.