Zihan Xu

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EDUCATION

The Village School, Houston, TX.

Sept 2022- May 2026

GPA: 96.25/100, weighted: 104.75

Relevant Coursework. IB Economics HL; IB Business Management HL; IB English B HL; IB Math Analysis & Approaches SL; IB Biology SL; IB Chinese SL; AP Art and Design

WROK EXPERIENCE

Custom New Chinese-Style Fashion Brand, Founder & Creative Director

March 2024 - Present

Founded a fashion brand J&J integrating traditional Chinese tailoring with modern design, working with certified
intangible cultural heritage artisans. Led end-to-end development including concept creation, fabric sourcing, design,
pricing, and marketing. Store reached steady custom orders and ¥500,000+ turn over within six months.

VOLUNTEER & CLUBS

Mental Health Clinic Volunteer Intern

May 22-26, 2023

Assisted with basic patient interaction and observed psychological treatment procedures, including counseling, sandplay
therapy, and electrotherapy. Gained a working understanding of clinical equipment and therapy stages.
 Engaged in guided conversations with patients and wrote a reflective report summarizing the experience for theclinic.

Buddhist Statue Workshop Community Volunteer

November 25-29, 2024

Participated in gold-painting work for Buddhist statues at a private workshop led by a regional Buddhist leaderin Chongqing. Assisted with decorative finishing tasks as part of a traditional craft process..

Student Ambassador Group Founding Member & House Captain (1 of 3)

2022-2023

Served as a founding member of the school's first Student Ambassador Group and House Captain of Song Qingling House. Led weekly house activities, organized major school events including graduation ceremoniesand flag-raising speeches, and represented the school during newcomer orientations. Guided the house team towin the annual House Cup. Also participated in athletics, winning 1st place in the 800m at the school sports meet.

AWARDS

Diamond Challenge Team Leader (Business, Analysis, Planning)

2025

 Co-led a two-person team to design a brain-controlled exoskeleton for post-stroke patients. Placed Top 2 in China (Social Innovation track).

MEC(Model Entrepreneur Competition) Team Leader

June 2024

Designed a wearable smart watch for Alzheimer's patients and co-wrote the full business plan. Advanced to the global finals. Independently built the financial model and received the Best Analyst Award for outstanding financial analysis.

National Youth Entrepreneur Camp (NYEC) Team Founder & First-Ranked Group Leader

Jul 2024

highest support rate among ~100 participants. Delivered 3+ pitch presentations, won National 2nd Place, and secured ¥10,000 startup funding. Recognized for Best individuals and social value with two awards.

Student Investment Challenge (SIC) Core Team Member & Investment Strategist

2024

Earned Team Gold (strategy report), Team Silver and Bronze (investment rounds), and Individual Bronze (U-FEB finance quiz).

Ivy Cup International Speech Competition Individual Competitor (Top 6 Worldwide)

Aug 2023

Competed independently and placed in the global Top 10 (estimated 6th); received Special Gold Award. Advanced through three rounds: 1)

National Economics Challenge (NEC) Team Leader & Principal Contributor

Mar 2023

Earned Top 5% nationally and received the Individual Top Rookie Award.

Zongheng Cup Debate Competition Core Debater & School Team Representative

May 2023

 Received "Best Debater" recognition twice. Also served as lead debater in multiple other school matches, consistently selected as primary speaker.