

STEVEN YAO

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EDUCATION

York Suburban High School, York, PA 17403 (August 2019 - June 2023)

- GPA: unweighted 3.84/4.0; weighted 4.16
- AP courses: World History(5), Chemistry(5), Governance(4), and Macroeconomics(5); AP Scholar with Honors
- Current AP courses: Statistics (self-study), Calculus, and Biology
- SAT – 1570: Math – 780 | EVBRW - 790
- PSAT/NMSQT – 1490: Math – 740 | EVBRW - 750; National Merit Scholarship: Semi-finalist
- Member of National Spanish Honors Society
- Member of National Math Honors Society

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Sept. 2021 – June 2022 Forthcoming publication “COVID-19 Uncertainty and Its Impact on Stock Prices” at Journal of Student Research; Independent research paper
- July 2022 – Present Working and coauthoring with Prof. Niraj Koirala at California State University on a research project “Financial Development and Policy Effectiveness”
- Nov. 2021 – Apr. 2022 Data science project “The Unemployment Rates of U.S. Disadvantaged Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic”; Wrote a research report, presented findings, and received 2nd place and national qualifier in Data Science and Analytics at PA TSA competition during April 20-23, 2022

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Present Co-founder, organizer, and volunteer of the eHOPE Digital Literacy Project for teaching and providing educational resources to children of migrant families in China; Fund-raised for digital lab & e-learning equipment, recruited 12+ volunteer teachers, and organized 8 classes with 400+ attendees/week
- June 12–16, 2022 Invited and funded by Rotary International, Club of York to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference at Messiah College
- 2021 – 2022 Manager of Swimming Team of York Suburban High School

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

- Sept. 2022 Received Gold Medal of President’s Volunteer Service Award (265+ volunteer hours in one year)
- Sept. 2020 – Present Taught English online weekly to migrant students at Zheng Xin Elementary School since COVID
- July 2022 – Present Volunteer at the ICU of UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) York Hospital
- July 2022 – Present Tutor math and English at schoolhouse.world partnered with Khan Academy
- Sept. 2022 – Present Tutor Spanish and math for York Suburban National Spanish and National Math Honors Societies
- June – July 2021 Tutored math at York Suburban Middle School
- Aug. – Oct. 2019 Volunteered at Chinese Association for Science and Technology Global Innovation Summit

ART, MUSIC, AND SPORTS

Arts

- Practiced Visual Arts since the age of 8 (2013-Present)
- Recipient of the PA Best of Show for Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest in 2022. Artwork on Junior Duck Stamp Travelling Artwork Exhibit
- Recipient of 1 gold key and 3 silver keys of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards (2019-2022)
- Artwork titled “Pull-up” published by celebratingart.com in 2021

Music

- Played piano since the age of 7 (2012-Present)
- Recipient of the Artist Award from Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association in 2021
- Clarinetist at the YSHS school band (2019-Present)
- Keyboardist at the YSHS jazz band (2019-Present)

Sports

- Weight lifting (2020- Present)
- Swimming Team at York Suburban High School (2019-2020)