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EDUCATION

Korea International High School Jeju Campus

Class of 2027

Cumulative GPA (Weighted): 4.12

Academic Distinction:

- High Honor Roll / AP Scholar with Distinction

Jeju, South Korea

August 2018 – Present

In-School Activities

Net Zero

Manager / Model

- Served as manager and runway model for the Net Zero Winter Art Show, an academic fashion exhibition featuring apparel crafted from recycled materials
- Organized concurrent charity sales of upcycled goods, generating about 1 million KRW in annual revenue to fund a local environmental organization in Jeju

Jeju, South Korea

August 2023 – Present

Volleyball Varsity Team

Libero

- Served as a reliable libero and defensive player, building a positive team atmosphere through consistent effort to support teammates
- Independently analyzed opposing teams' tactics and shared key insights with coaches and players

Jeju, South Korea

August 2025 – October 2025

BERA Business Club

Member

- Served as a member of Business Economic Review Associates (BERA), KISJ's foundational business and economics club, which publishes specialized academic journals sponsored by NE Times
- Partnered with a local library to design and deliver basic economics lessons to elementary school students through the club's Business & Economics Mentoring Program

Jeju, South Korea

September 2025 – Present

Psi Alpha Honor Society

Member

- Contributed to KISJ's chapter of Psi Alpha, an international honor society for high school students focused on the science of psychology, with over 6,000 members across international institutions
- Used digital media platforms to share foundational psychology facts and terminology, with the goal of deepening high school students' understanding of psychology

Jeju, South Korea

September 2024 – Present

Vox Mundi

Editor

- Served on the headquarters Editor Team of Vox Mundi ROK, a student editorial journal network with branches at 10+ schools nationwide
- Edited journals submitted by partner school branches for clarity, structure, and academic style before publication

Jeju, South Korea

September 2025 – May 2026

UNESCO GEC Club

Member

- Took part in the club's field study at the Yeoncheon Imjin River Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO-designated area, together with a national security forum and a visit to the ROK Army 1st Infantry Division

Jeju, South Korea

June 2025

School MUN Committee

Senior Staff

- Coordinated pre-conference logistics, managing venue setups, technical equipment testing, and committee room arrangements to establish a professional environment for delegates
- Facilitated committee operations during live sessions by supervising delegates, managing timekeeping, and delivering communications to ensure seamless debate

Jeju, South Korea

November 2023 – Present

Out-School Activities

S.P.A.R.K.

Co-Founder & Project Manager

- Co-founded S.P.A.R.K. (Student Participating in Action, Reform, and Knowledge), a student organization running social impact and cultural preservation projects.
- Managed execution of the Global Vietnam Wars Studies Initiative & Unseen Legacies with the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia at Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center, collecting oral histories and primary sources from Korean Vietnam War veterans.
- Developed a pamphlet-and-certification-sticker system to improve kiosk accessibility for digitally underserved elderly patrons at 400+ restaurants and cafes nationwide.
- Contributed to the Jeju Dialect Heritage Promotion Initiative, building a digital archive of the Jeju dialect.
- Provided translation support for traditional markets through the Seoul-Gyeonggi Traditional Markets Translation project.

Jeju, South Korea

August 2025 – Present

Korea Youth Advertising Competition

South Korea

Editor

March 2026 – June 2026

- Co-conceived and edited a short film for the 2026 Korea Youth Advertising Competition, critiquing the decline of face-to-face connection among digitally native youth
- Depicted a student celebrating her birthday alone with an untouched cake after receiving only text messages; the film received the Junior Creator Award

Opensip (Blue Ocean Student Entrepreneur Competition)

South Korea
2024 – Present

Co-Founder

- Co-founded Opensip, a reusable straw with a fully openable magnetic hinge, and pitched it at the Blue Ocean Student Entrepreneur Competition
- Identified cleaning difficulty as the core barrier to reusable-straw adoption and positioned the product on hygiene and convenience rather than price
- Built 3D-printed prototypes and ran a field test with 10 local cafés and 10 users, comparing deposit-return and café-branded merchandise pricing models

Daejeong Youth Center Steering Committee

Jeju, South Korea
January 2026 – Present

Program Coordinator

- Coordinated implementation of “Je-ju-ae San-da” (Living with Love for Jeju), a municipally funded initiative installing calligraphy panels in Jejueo, a UNESCO-designated critically endangered language, in public restrooms across Daejeong-eup
- Applied nudge theory and broken windows theory to turn neglected infrastructure into sites of cultural preservation at 12,500 KRW per stall; awarded 1st place and municipal budget funding

Youth National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

South Korea
September 2025 – Present

Youth Assembly Member, Integrated Affairs Committee (18th Session)

- Elected to the 18th session of the National Assembly of Korean Youth, a national youth policy-simulation body modeled on Korea’s National Assembly
- Deliberated and voted on cross-sector legislative proposals spanning education, welfare, and civic policy

2026 UN Youth Future Summit by YMCA

South Korea
August 2026

UNODC Delegate, Delegate of the United States

- Represented the United States on the UNODC committee, debating international drug and crime policy, and received the Premier Delegate award

Korea Tourism Organization & Jungmun Hotel Complex

Jeju, South Korea
November 2024

Translator / Guide

- Delivered English translation and navigational guidance for international tourists at a cultural event, ensuring an accessible and enjoyable environment
- Supported event booth operations and connected international attendees with domestic corporate partners

Independent Research: Financial Sustainability of Esports Organizations

Summer 2026

Independent Researcher

- Wrote a 5,000-word research paper (34 sources, MLA) comparing the revenue structures of esports organizations and traditional sports clubs
- Argued that esports teams lack a contractually guaranteed revenue anchor, such as multi-year broadcast deals, drawing on cases including the Overwatch League, FaZe Clan, and Manchester United

ISREA Research Forum Anthology

2026

Editor-in-Chief, Economics, Business & Public Policy Section

- Reviewed submissions for clarity and organization, editing grammar and academic writing style for the anthology
- Assisted with the design and layout of Volume I while communicating with student authors

AWARDS

Immerse Education Essay Competition

International Award
October 2025

Certified Entrant

Optimist Korea

National Award (Republic of Korea)
June 2026

Honorable Mention

Korea Youth Advertising Competition

National Award (Republic of Korea)
June 2026

Junior Creator Award

Daejeong Youth Center Youth Steering Committee

Regional Award (Jeju)
2026

1st Place, Municipal Budget Awarded (“Je-ju-ae San-da”)

2026 UN Youth Future Summit

National Award (Republic of Korea)

Premier Delegate

August 2026

Volleyball KISAC
Gold Medal

National Award (Republic of Korea)
August 2026

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Coding (Python), video editing

Languages: Korean, English + learning Japanese

Interests: playing/watching esports, reading mythology, reading novels and literature