

Nithya Chekuri

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA May 2022
Candidate for Bachelor of Arts II GPA: 3.64/4.0

Major: Economics II **Minors:** Survey Research and Data Analytics, American Public Policy

Relevant Coursework: Public Policy Process, Economic Statistics & Theory, Leading Diverse Organizations

Punahou School, Honolulu, HI June 2018

Selected Honors: Superior Distinction, National Speech and Debate Association

SAT Math: 800/800 II SAT Verbal: 780/800

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pacific Forum International, Honolulu, HI Summer 2019
Program Intern, Asia-Pacific Foreign Policy Research Institute

- Analyzed and presented on US-Cambodia political and economic relations
- Wrote research piece titled *"The Cambodia Trade Act of 2019: An Unintended Win for China"*
- Compiled information on operations of Asia-Pacific shipping, electronics, and power corporations
- Edited and formatted *Issues & Insights*, an analytical publication on Asia-Pacific security issues
- Utilized NeonCRM to organize and execute Hawai'i-based policy conferences and issue discussions
- Created web and social media marketing materials to promote Pacific Forum programs and events

Stanford University Pre-Collegiate International Institutes, Palo Alto, CA Summer 2019
Teaching Assistant/Residential Counselor

- Led groups of international students through science, technology, and humanities seminars
- Mentored ESL students during Global Solutions Capstone Project work
- Organized and supervised multi-cultural discussions and activities in Residential settings

Art of Problem Solving, Online May 2019-October 2019
Online Problem Set Grader and Teaching Assistant

- Scored and provided written feedback on Discrete Math, Algebra, and Pre-Calculus problem sets
- Answered student questions on mathematical concepts and proof/solution writing styles

Office of United States Senator Brian Schatz, Honolulu, HI October 2017-April 2018
Senior Intern

- Drafted Policy Action Memos read by Senator and Senate staff on proposed legislation
- Collaborated with other interns to write policy analyses on the efficacy of existing Opioid legislation
- Conducted surveys measuring youth "Issues of Concern" for use by Senate office
- Presented recommendations for improvements to Senator's web presence to D.C. office's Senate staff
- Prepared policy talking points and led an intern discussion on Felon Disenfranchisement
- Represented Senate office at Community Board meetings by presenting on Constituent Services

LEADERSHIP & OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Penn Political Review, Philadelphia, PA September 2019- Present
Business Deputy and Staff Writer

- Coordinates budgeting and sponsorship, manages online & physical distribution campaigns
- Writes and contributes to Political Economics and Interview articles

Weingarten Learning Resources Center, Philadelphia, PA October 2019- Present
Calculus, Chinese, and Economics Tutor

- Assists students with Calculus II and Microeconomics coursework, problem sets, and exam preparation

Punahou School Speech and Debate Team, Honolulu, HI August 2017- April 2018
Senior Public Forum Debate Captain, 24 Member Beginning and Advanced Team

- Researched and distributed evidence briefs with explanations on monthly resolutions
- Edited and provided feedback on casework for monthly tournaments

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: R Data/Statistical Analysis, NeonCRM, Adobe and Microsoft Programs

Languages: Spoken Telugu, Mandarin Chinese (Expected Language Certificate)

Interests: Asian-American and Pacific Islander Literature and Activism, Sustainable Fashion and Supply Chains