

Melody Qian

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EDUCATION

Choate Rosemary Hall — Wallingford, CT **Sep 2020—Present**

- SAT 1570/1600
- 2024 National Merit Finalist
- 2024 Presidential Scholars Candidate
- Member of the Dean's List every term since Fall 2020
- Member of the very selective John F. Kennedy Program in Government and Public Service

Carleton Summer Liberal Arts Institute — Northfield, MN **Summer 2022**

- Completed over 90 hours of college-level courses in Political Science, Sociology, and Psychology.

The Concord Review High School History Camp — Sudbury, MA **Summer 2021**

- Mastered the fundamentals of historical research
- Developed original research project on 19th-century phrenology and scientific racism.

John F. Kennedy '35 Institute in Government — Wallingford, CT **Summer 2021**

- Observed committee hearings and House and Senate debates on Capitol Hill.
- Honors in American Government and Politics, Foundations of Political Thought, and Topics in Public Policy.

EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Research and Policy Intern at The General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Jun 2023 - Aug 2023**

- Researched and wrote about policy issues and intergovernmental relations.
- Communicated with other legislators, staffers, and political actors at the Massachusetts State House.
- Member of debut of Senate Immersion Module with legislative interns at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute.

Research and Policy Intern at the United Nations Beijing Changier Education Foundation **Sep 2022 — Present**

- The Foundation is an NGO in consultative status with the UN Economic & Social Council. Co-author statements approved by the Human Rights Council and conduct research supporting the SDGs for Education and Human Rights.

Featured Speaker at 67th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. **Mar 2023**

Beijing Changier Education Foundation

- Invited to present a speech focused on the use of artificial intelligence and ChatGPT as an educational resource

Founder of Equitable Education Access - Wallingford, CT **2021—Present**

- Equitable Education Access is a nonprofit organization that helps financially disadvantaged students unlock their potential Coached students one-on-one to enter their top choice schools.
- Hosted a national forum and Q&A in September 2023 with real admissions officers.

Captain of the Choate Debate Team (Previously Pod Leader) - Wallingford, CT **2022—Present**

- Instruct, guide, and provide an open environment for beginners and lead experienced debaters in honing skills.

Head of Graphics at Choate News & Choate Public Health (Previously Staff Reporter)— Wallingford, CT

2021—Present

- Design and finalize graphics for all articles. Oversee other artists. Organize and communicate with other editors. Come up with ideas for graphics for all articles, finalize all pieces before biweekly publishing.
- Research on public policy and public health for graphic design.

Judge and Organizer at DANEIS and American Debate League —New England **2019—Present**

- Judged novice and advanced divisions up to 2023, in person and virtually.
- Adjudicated and managed the Roxbury Latin School Invitational and the Choate Invitational 2022.
- Organized a debate tournament at I.S.187 across the entire grade in 2020 in partnership with them. Produced introductory materials for students and oversaw debate.

Finalist in Goodyear Speech competition — Wallingford, CT **Apr 2022**

- Prepared and presented an engaging 10-minute speech to a mixed ability audience
- Reviewed history of orientalism, particularly as it pertained to women and highlighted the contemporary effects of orientalism <https://thechoatenews.choate.edu/2022/04/21/fourth-formers-present-goodyear-speeches/>

CMEA Southern Region Honor Orchestra & Choate Symphony Orchestra — CT **2020—2024**

- Violist in the Choate Symphony Orchestra for 4 years.
- Qualified for and performed with the Connecticut Southern Regional Orchestra for two years.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Music Teacher at Spanish Community of Wallingford — Wallingford, CT **2022—Present**

- Teach piano and viola to children at beginner and intermediate level, weekly.
- Facilitate Choate Partnership with local Spanish-speaking community.

Wallingford Public Library — Wallingford, CT **2022**

- Reorganized and reviewed library catalog, including CD collection. Participated in the public accessibility drive.

Loaves and Fishes — New Haven, CT **2021**

- Produced hats in preparation for the winter months to be distributed to local unhoused population

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen — New Haven, CT **2019-2020**

- Helped to package and distribute food

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022/2023 Qualifier for World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships
- Performed in String Quartet and studied at the 2023 Chamber Music Central Summer Festival, CT
- 2nd place in the 2023 Choate Spanish CT Colt Poetry Recitation Contest
- 2022 Goodyear Speech Competition Finalist
- 1st place team in the 2022 Choate Invitational
- 2nd place team in the 2022 Hotchkiss Invitational and 2021 Loomis Invitational
- 3rd place team in the 2021 Hopkins Invitational and 2021 Choate Invitational
- 3rd place speaker and 2nd place team of the 2021 Andover Fall and Spring Invitationals
- 11th place speaker of the 2020 Harvard National Forensics Tournament

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Technical: Photoshop, Premiere, Videomaking, Photography

Languages: Fluent oral Mandarin, working knowledge of Spanish

Interests: Government, Public Policy, History, Visual Art, Music

Hobbies: Squash, Running, Viola/Piano, Graphics