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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Aug 2025 - Present

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and International Development Studies (double major)

Jun, 2029

Cumulative GPA: 3.85/4.00

Awards: Top 8% in the World International Baccalaureate Diploma November 2024 series, Botswana Top Achiever Scholarship recipient, UCLA Dean's Honors List

Relevant coursework: Microeconomic Theory, Monetary Policy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Westwood International School

Botswana

Archives and Digital Assets Manager

Jan - Aug 2025

- Managed an extensive system of over 18000 physical and digital assets and materials, and developed systems for efficient organizational resource utilization.
- Managed the department's fiscal budget and reduced redundant spending by over 30% while redirecting funds towards long-term investments.

United Nations

Botswana

Trainee

Dec 2024 - Jan 2025

- Engaged Civil Society leaders, UN officers and other diplomats including the Ambassador of Ukraine to Botswana to discuss cross-regional development efforts.
- Designed and implemented a qualitative and quantitative research project on public corruption perception in a sample size of 200,000+ people. Produced and presented a data report resulting in a national newspaper publication.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Southern African Traditions and Student Association at UCLA

Los Angeles, CA

Finance and Operations co-chair

Jan 2026 - Present

- Oversaw the financial planning and budget allocation of a new student organization. Evaluated 7+ grants with a funding potential of \$5,000+ in a single quarter.
- Coordinated logistics, stakeholders and university-wide collaborations to ensure successful programming that meets organizational objectives.

UCLA On-Campus Housing

Los Angeles, CA

Community Representative

Sep 2025 - Mar 2026

- Collaborated with other representatives and the on-campus housing council to optimize the allocation of a \$40,000+ programming budget.
- Collected data on student preferences and satisfaction to inform future programming decisions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: Excel, Powerpoint, SQL

Interests: Contemporary Literature, Learning languages, Debate, Table tennis