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Showcasing projects and achievements

Awards and Special Recognition

	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
Elected Student Body President Grace Church School	12	Restructured government with specific responsibilities for members, instituted weekly community check-ins, and created series of spirit and holiday events.
Commendation for Academic Achievement, Grace Church School	10, 11, 12	Grace Church School's only academic award, conferred on students who earn A-level grades in every subject.
UN Beehive Designer and Builder United Nations/Bees Without Borders	11	Designed, fabricated, and helped install custom beehives for the United Nations headquarters in New York City.
Winner, Congressional Art Competition	10	Winner from New York's 10th District; photograph exhibited in the U.S. Capitol for one year, 2016-17.
Grand Prize Winner, PDNedu 2017 International Photo Contest	11	My series of six aerial photos was selected by industry experts from the International Center of Photography and Photo Editors of <i>Time</i> and <i>New York</i> magazines.
Honors Band Invitee, NYC Independent Schools Music Association	11, 12	Invited to perform in every Independent Schools Music Association Honors Band as alto saxophonist.
Selected for National Arts Club "Inspiring Arts Education" Exhibition	9	Seven of my academic works illustrating the Waldorf principle "Education is Art" selected for display.
Profiled: <i>Huffington Post</i> and <i>New York Daily News</i> in print and online	11	My "Why I'm Marching" essay about the Women's March prompted both papers to interview and profile me.

Community Service

Classroom Renovation and Introduction of Waldorf Education Goretti Nursery, Mukuru, Kenya	10 <i>Summer</i>	Fundraised \$10,250 and undertook a renovation of two dilapidated classrooms in the Mukuru slum; contracted local handymen; painted walls and large-scale murals; made play materials and provided art supplies; connected Mukuru teachers with Nairobi Waldorf School counterparts as mentors.
St. Mary's Parish Mukuru, Kenya	11 <i>Summer</i>	Tutored disabled orphans taken in by the church; focused on Nicodemus who missed two years of school from spinal TB; he went on to score highest mark of all special needs students in Kenya and is now in a top boarding school.
Annual Volunteer Service Mukuru Harambee Center and Chyulu Hills, Kenya	1-12 <i>Summers</i>	Recently: Assisted carbon offset stove project, constructed beehives around farms to ward off elephants, replanted watershed forest. Past years: Worked in library and special needs classroom.
Huru International Nairobi, Kenya	7-12 <i>Summers</i>	Assisted in distribution of reusable sanitary napkins kits to at-risk girls in slums, enabling them to stay in school.
	12 <i>Summer</i>	Wrote, filmed, and edited a promotional video for Huru to use in fundraising and marketing.

Activities – Out of School

Urban Beekeeper	9-12	Apprenticed three years to beekeeper Andrew Cote; early mornings and weekends tending hives; manning Union Square farmers market stand; featured on television: NY1 & Belgian RTBF.
Avid Photographer	4-12	Grand Prize, PDNedu 2017; Winner, Congressional Art Competition 2016; selected for exhibition, Darkroom Gallery, VT; Editors' Pick, Life Framer magazine; Finalist, Fine Art Photograph Awards 2017; Finalist, 5th Zebra Awards, T'Z International Photography & Art Community.
Saxophonist	4-12	Weekly saxophone lessons since age nine; play alto, tenor, and baritone saxophone; occasional recreational busker.
Alpine Ski Racer Thunder Ridge Race Team	5-12	Raced on a team since age 10, practicing and racing Wed., Sat., and Sun. throughout New England; qualified for Tri-State Championships five times and U-19 Eastern Finals.

School Clubs

Grace Church School Bee Club	10-12 <i>Founder & President</i>	Lobbied successfully to install beehives on school roof and founded Bee Club for education and beekeeping succession.
Yearbook: <i>Quatrefoil</i> Grace Church School	9-12 <i>Editor-in-Chief (12)</i>	Coined name for yearbook: <i>Quatrefoil</i> . Lead team, recruit, monitor, write, photograph, design, support, and pinch hit.
Peer Leader (9th Grade: Student Action Committee)	9-12	Selected to join small corps of students to mentor younger students academically and personally, advocating and mediating as necessary.
Student-Faculty Council (9th Grade: Student Union)	9-12	Elected by faculty as one of two students per grade to sit on an advisory board with administration and faculty to discuss policy, program, and culture.
Jazz Ensemble	9-12 <i>Sax Section Leader</i>	Performed at Carnegie Hall in the National Band and Orchestra Festival, January 2014 and WorldStrides Philadelphia Heritage Festival, April 2017.
Student Ambassador	9-12	Chosen to host Open Houses, lead discussion panels specifically for prospective parents, and conduct school tours for students and parents.