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Education

B.A., English

B.S., Anthropology

Virginia Commonwealth University

Expected May 2027

Overall GPA: 4.0

Affiliations

Honors College, Virginia Commonwealth University

American Library Association member

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table, ALA

Fall 2023-present

April 2025-present

April 2025-present

Conference Presentations

“Fled from the Harvester’s Feet:” Bird populations and conceptualizing extinction through the lens of 19th century Victorian poetry, 2026, National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Posters

Gilgamesh as God and Fool: Tracking a Trans-Cultural Story through Literary References and the Archaeological Record, 2026, Honors Research and Creative Scholarship Symposium, VCU.

Positions

Communications Intern, VCU Libraries

Sushi Roller, Sticky Rice RVA

Adventure Counselor, Girl Scouts CCC

June 2025-present

June 2025-present

Summer 2024

Awards

Leila Christenbury Fund

Dean’s list, VCU

Virginia Merit Award, VCU

June 2025

Fall 2023-present

Fall 2023-present

Certifications

First Aid and CPR certification, Red Cross

June 2024-present