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EDUCATION

Deerfield Academy

Fall 2023-June 2027

GPA: 94.3 (G9-G10 High Honor)

SAT: 1570

ACT: 36

AP Courses: AP Chemistry (5); AP Computer Science A (5); AP Art-Studio Drawing (5);
AP Chinese Lang. & Culture (5)

SUMMER

Yale Young Global Scholars (2025)

Stanford AI4ALL (2024)

Brown University Pre-college (2023)

Harvard Debate Council (2023)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

USA Computing Olympiad (USACO) (2022-Present)

- Gold Division: Achieved promotion through the bronze, silver, by consistently scoring in the top tier of national programming contests.
- Currently compete in the Platinum division, the highest level of the USACO, against the nation's top high school programmers.

International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Competition (2022/2025)

Global Gold Medal (2025) & Global Silver Medal(2022)

- Recognized for excellence in a global synthetic biology competition for contributions to the Human Practices, sponsorship outreach, and scientific documentation (team wiki) components of the project.

FIRST Robotics Completion & First Tech Robotics (FRC & FTC) (2019–2025)

- FIRST World Championship Participant, Houston, 2025
- National 2nd Place at the 2024-2025 FRC China Offseason Event.
- Championship 1st Place at the 2019-2021 FTC Remote China Championship.
- Multiple Top 3 Rankings at national qualifiers and championships.

Visual Arts Awards & Recognition 2023 – Present

National Silver Medalist, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (2023)

- Awarded one of the highest national honors in the nation's most prestigious and long-running creative recognition program for high school students.
- Recognized for an exceptional work in the Photography category, selected from over 300,000 entries.

Recipient of 9 Regional Scholastic Awards (2023-2025)

- Acknowledged annually at the regional level for excellence and originality across a wide range of artistic disciplines.
 - 4 Gold Keys: The highest regional honor (Design, Photography*2, Sculpture).
 - 1 Silver Key: (Printmaking).
 - 4 Honorable Mentions: (Mixed Media, Film, Sculpture *2).

Amcham Shanghai Children's Art Exhibition

- Gold Award: "Through Love to the Stars" (2024)
- Bronze Award: "Starry Gleam: Citrus Dreams" (2023)

Global First Place, China Thinks Big (CTB) Competition, 2023

- Competed in the Final Round at Harvard and recognized as the top team globally for developing an innovative solution to a critical social issue

Conrad Challenge (Conrad)

- 2024-2025 Best Pitch and Best Tabletop, Conrad Challenge China Finals
- Duties: Hardware and software development and business plan.

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIPS

Water Polo Varsity (2023-Present)

Team Captain (2025-Present) & Goalie (2023-Present)

- *Recorded 18 key blocks*
- *Nominated for Monthly Best Player for composure under pressure*

Swimming Junior Varsity (2023-Present)

Rowing Varsity (2023)

Deerfield Academy Champion of Table Tennis Tournament

- *Achieved 1st place among 70+ competitors*

Deerfield Scroll (Student Newspaper) (2023-Present)

- *Managed publication workflow and coordinated digital content*
- *Editor and photographer*

Center for Service & Global Citizenship (CSGC) (2023-Present)

- *Two-time grant recipient for environmental initiatives*
- *Led Chongming Island Wetlands protection project*
- *Appointed board member for outstanding service*

Deerfield Academy Orchestra (2023-Present)

- *Grade 8 Certification, the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)*
- *Violinist, Second Chair*

Founder, Deerfield Academy Filmmaking Club (2024-Present)

- *Established a platform for student film projects and organized campus screenings*

DA Camera Roll Board Member & Focal Point Co-Managing Editors (2024-Present)

- *Led visual arts publications and curated photography and multimedia content*

Communication of Asian Student Alliance (2024-Present)

- *Facilitated cultural events and communications*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Manager, Girl's Water polo varsity team (Spring 2025)

- *Supported team logistics and coordination*

Tutor, Big Brother Deerfield Academy (2024-Present)

- *Provided peer academic support and mentorship*

Member, Shanghai Animal Adoption Campaign (2023-Present)

- *Promoted animal welfare and community awareness*

Transcript

2025

Show Averages and Quintiles

Spring Term 2025

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
AP Calculus BC	Nina Otterson	98	ME	97	ME	97.00
AP Drawing and Painting	Mercedes Taylor	97	ME	97	ME	95.33
Chemistry 1 Accelerated	Toby Emerson	98	ME	98	ME	97.33
Defining Literary Traditions	Andy Stallings	92	ME	93	ME	93.00
Honors Computer Science	Julia McClellan	94	ME	94	ME	95.00
		95.80		95.80		

Winter Term 2025

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
AP Drawing and Painting	Mercedes Taylor	96	OU	96	OU	95.33
Chemistry 1 Accelerated	Toby Emerson	97	ME	97	ME	97.33
Defining Literary Traditions	Andy Stallings	93	ME	93	ME	93.00
Health Seminar II	Brian Barbato	P	ME	P	ME	P
Honors Computer Science	Julia McClellan	97	ME	97	ME	95.00
Honors Precalculus	Nina Otterson	96	ME	96	ME	96.50
		95.80		95.80		

Fall Term 2025

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
AP Drawing and Painting	Mercedes Taylor	92	OU	93	OU	95.33
Chemistry 1 Accelerated	Toby Emerson	97	OU	97	ME	97.33
Defining Literary Traditions	Andy Stallings	91	ME	93	ME	93.00
Honors Computer Science	Julia McClellan	92	ME	94	ME	95.00
Honors Precalculus	Nina Otterson	96	ME	97	ME	96.50
		93.60		94.80		

2024**Spring Term 2024**

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
Asia in World History	Mary Ellen Friends	93	ME	93	ME	92.33
Ethics	Angel Abreu	93	ME	93	ME	93.00
Honors Algebra II	Hardy Gieske	97	ME	96	ME	96.00
Physics 1A	Jim Perry	94	ME	97	ME	95.00
Voices & Visions of Justice	Mark Scandling	90	ME	90	ME	88.00
		93.40		93.80		

Winter Term 2024

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
Asia in World History	Mary Ellen Friends	94	ME	93	ME	92.33
Honors Algebra II	Hardy Gieske	94	ME	97	ME	96.00
Intro to Studio Art	Angel Abreu	93	ME	92	ME	92.00
Physics 1A	Jim Perry	94	ME	94	ME	95.00
Voices & Visions of Justice	Mark Scandling	88	ME	88	ME	88.00
		92.60		92.80		

Fall Term 2024

Course	Instr	Mid	Effort	Term	Effort	Course End
Asia in World History	Mary Ellen Friends	87	ME	91	ME	92.33
Health Seminar I	Allison DiNardo	P	ME	P	ME	P
Honors Algebra II	Hardy Gieske	92	ME	95	ME	96.00
Intro to Film and Video	Tim Trelease	92	ME	98	ME	98.00
Physics 1A	Jim Perry	89	ME	94	ME	95.00
Voices & Visions of Justice	Mark Scandling	P	ME	86	ME	88.00
		90.00		92.80		

Effort Grade Key: OU = Outstanding ME = Meets Expectations NI = Needs Improvement UN = Unsatisfactory