

# Jessica Zhang

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## Education

**Sage Hill School**, Newport Beach, CA

*Expected 2026*

- GPA: 4.44/4.00 weighted, 3.99/4.00 unweighted | ACT: 35/36 (top 1%)
- Advanced Coursework: AP Calculus BC, AP United States History, AP World History, AP Psychology
- Awards: Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Gold Key (top 5%) in Journalism, The New York Times International Open Letter Contest Honorable Mention (top 0.7%), NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing Superior Designation, DePaul's Blue Book: Best American High School Writing Finalist

## Research Experience

**UC Irvine Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics**

July 2023–Present

*Research Intern, Mentor, and Easton Family Scholar*

- Conduct research with Professor Kristen Monroe, studying moral courage, altruism, and human rights through narrative analysis.
- Analyze primary sources including letters and interviews for relevant data, compiling analyses into ongoing research papers; teach cohorts of 50+ students in the annual summer research program.

## Leadership Experience

**U.S. China Chamber of Commerce**

July 2023–Present

*Intern and Sponsorship Coordinator*

- Develop sponsorship strategies to enhance brand visibility and drive business growth.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with corporate partners, aligning sponsorship opportunities with the company's marketing objectives; analyze market trends and competitor sponsorships.

**DECA**

January 2023–Present

*Competition Team Member*

- Develop innovative strategies for business case studies and present to regional judges.
- 2x state qualifier and regional top 10 performance for Marketing Management and Entrepreneurship.

**Orange County Constitutional Rights Foundation Peer Court**

September 2023–Present

*Juror*

- Assess misdemeanor cases against first-time nonviolent youth offenders and propose sanctions to rehabilitate behavior.

**Vogue Redux: A Teen's Guide to Being Sustainably Fashionable**

July 2023

*Author*

- Self-published book on Amazon to educate teenagers about sustainable clothing consumption and to promote socially responsible consumer behavior; donate 100% sales proceeds to Working Wardrobes.

## Community Service

**The United Clothing Bank**

September 2023–Present

*Founder*

- Collect and sort unwanted clothing to share with community members in need; promote community engagement to increase impact and serve over 1,000 individuals.

**Working Wardrobes**

June 2022–Present

*Donation Center Volunteer*

- Organize, clean, and prepare interview clothing at the donation center to assist people transitioning out of homelessness to prepare for job interviews.

**Orange County Rescue Mission**

July 2023–Present

*Parent and Child Enrichment Center Volunteer*

- Plan and host activities to enrich youth shelter residents; teach arts and crafts to children while parents study for high school equivalency exams.

**Project Better Together**

June 2021–Present

*Co-President*

- Prepare accessible catering and school supplies to children from underserved communities through fundraising and the work of student artists.

## Languages

- Fluent in Mandarin; Proficient in Spanish.