

Jackson Collins

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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology on Pre-Medicine track, Minor in Music

GPA: 3.916/4.00

Chicago, IL
Expected, June 2027

Member of ROTC Fire Battalion

Deerfield Academy

GED

Deerfield, MA
May, 2023

Honors/Awards

Awarded Peter C. Brush Cross-Country Award, Deerfield Academy Varsity Wrestling Award, Thomas Spater '55 Senior Athletic Achievement Award, Deerfield Academy Music Award

EXPERIENCE

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)

Conference Attendee

Orlando, FL
June 2024

- Attended annual PPMD conference, met with fellow advocates to discuss current and future treatments
- Spoke with several pharmaceutical companies to advocate for patients and learn about drug development
- Learned about gene therapy, steroids, and exon-skipping from a symposium of the leading researchers in the field

Rare Disease Advocate

Washington, DC

February 2021 – February 2023

- Lobbied with fellow advocates, met with House and Senate Representatives asking for funding for Muscular Dystrophy Care Act in Federal budget fiscal year 2021, 2022, 2023
- Advocated for Prescription Drug User Fee Act through conversations with advocates and representatives
- Researched Accelerated Approval (AA) and fast-track medications for rare and uniformly deadly diseases to create an argument to urge FDA for continued support in these sectors

University of Chicago Varsity Wrestling

Team Member 125lbs

Chicago, IL
September 2023 – Present

- Balanced 20 + hours a week of Wrestling commitments with full University course load plus additional extracurriculars

Head Peer Counselor/Peer Counselor

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Deerfield, MA
March 2021 – May 2023

- Offered confidential emotional support to 5+ peers per week at all hours of the day
- Served as Resident Associate (11/12 grade), providing supervision and peer bonding activities for 30+ students
- Collaborated with IT Department and designed the Peer Counseling website
- Organized school-wide mental health awareness events, led group discussions surrounding mental health, gave talks at school assemblies about mental health, organized a rotating on-duty schedule for fellow Peer Counselors

Clinical Shadowing

Clinical Observer

New York, NY
March 2021 – May 2023

- Shadowed radiologist Dr. John Melnick, Lenox Hill Radiology, and was taught how to operate PACS radiology software, diagnosed dozens of patients using PACS radiology imaging software
- Shadowed orthopedic surgeon Dr. Matthew Gotlin, New York Orthopedics, observed multiple patient-doctor interactions and injections, specifically corticosteroid injections in hip and shoulder.
- Shadowed emergency physician Dr. Michael Zimmermann, New York Presbyterian Hospital, observed treatment of multiple STAT cases, engaged with patients, learned about treatment priority/organization in a high-stress environment
- Shadowed radiologist Dr. Gregory Wilde, Lenox Hill Radiology, operated PACS imaging software to assist in diagnosing multiple patients, observed several corticosteroid injections

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Word. Advanced knowledge in Logic music production, audio mixing and mastering, audio recording and post-production. Advanced knowledge in Sibelius.

Interests: Wrestling, Archery, Alpha Delta Phi, University of Chicago Chamber Music, Active Minds Club