

Connor Yao

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EDUCATION

Naperville Central High School

Naperville, IL

High School Diploma

Expected, May 2027

Honors: AP Scholar, CollegeBoard National Recognition Program, 4.0 Award

Courses: AP US Government & Politics, AP Comparative Government & Politics, AP Human Geography, AP Chinese Language & Culture, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus BC, AP US History, AP Language & Composition

EXPERIENCE

Ray Chinese School

Naperville, IL

Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2024-PRESENT

- Supported a 7th grade heritage Chinese course as Teaching Assistant
- Assisted by maintaining classroom order during instructor breaks and grading tests weekly.
- Provided ad-hoc academic help to students, ensuring they understood the material.

Swimming World Magazine

Naperville, IL

Journalism Intern

Sep. 2025-May 2026

- Accepted into the 2025-26 intern cohort for Swimming World Magazine.
- Selected as the only high school student in the program.

MU5IC4GOOD

Naperville, IL

Founder & Co-Director

May 2025-Aug. 2025

- Established a student-run nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness for music therapy and the rising rates of autism.
- Secured \$500+ in donations from businesses and citizens and a spot on WGN-TV ([link](#)).

Know Your State Judges

Naperville, IL

Social Media Manager

Oct. 2024-Nov. 2024

- Assisted NNHS Class of 2026 student Sarah Boettcher with "Know Your State Judges" (<https://www.knowyourstatejudges.org/>) focused on educating citizens about the Illinois judiciary.
- Worked on social media posts to explain the structure and inner workings of state courts.
- Helped increase civic awareness and understanding within the community.

Naperville Park District

Naperville, IL

Swim Instructor

May. 2024-Jul. 2024

Citizen Task Force Member

Jul. 2025-Aug. 2025

- Taught foundational swim skills to adults.
- Adapted lessons depending on skill level and progression.
- Assisted Naperville Park District with recommendations for potential funding referendum

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in Adobe Photoshop, Chinese as Second Language, CPR, Lifeguarding