

BRANDON TAKAHASHI

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Education

- 2022-present Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Class of 2026
Major: Environmental Sciences GPA: 3.887
Dean's List- Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023
- 2009-2022 Polytechnic School, Pasadena, CA. Class of 2022
Weighted GPA: 4.39 Unweighted GPA: 3.96; AP Scholar with Distinction; ACT Composite 35

Professional Experience

- **Internship: Japanese American Citizens League:** June-August 2023, Conducted Youth Marketing Study for the first and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. Created youth survey, analyzed survey data, hosted focus groups, and presented findings to national staff. Facilitated National Convention held in Los Angeles. Internship through Nikkei Community Internship program by Kizuna. Skills Used: Microsoft Excel, Email Marketing, Social Media Marketing, Graphic Design, Event Planning

Scholarships and Awards

- **Amy Utsunomiya Youth Community Service Award**, March 2023. Recognizes outstanding community service to the Japanese American community in the greater Pasadena area.
- Japanese American Treaty Centennial Scholarship Fund (JATCSF) Scholarship, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, July 2022.
- **Cum Laude Society**, Polytechnic School Chapter, June 2022.
- **Jesse Thyne Award**, Polytechnic School, June 2022- peer-selected. 'The Jesse Thyne Award goes to the student who best embodies virtues that will improve the lives of people and make the work a kinder, true, more compassionate place.
- **John Bergen Award**, Polytechnic School, June 2022- 'This award recognizes achievement in community service through extraordinary commitment to a particular agency, organization or social need'
- **Ruth Bampton Music Award**, Polytechnic School, June 2022- 'Presented to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to the school in the field of music.'
- Rising Stars Youth Leadership, Lauren Taguchi Community Service Memorial Scholarship, May 2022
- Pasadena Bruins Scholarship, May 2022

Leadership:

- Student Adviser, Environmental Sciences Program, Northwestern University, Fall 2023-present
- Northwestern Undergraduate Energy Club, Executive Board, VP of Marketing, Spring 2023 and 2023-2024 academic year
- Northwestern Asian Pacific American Coalition Treasurer, Fall 2023-Present
- Northwestern Peer Adviser, Fall 2023. Selected to a team of Peer Advisers to work with the Office of Student Transition Experiences to welcome incoming undergraduate students to Northwestern. Peer Advisers will mentor a group of incoming students; facilitate dialogues about well-being, diversity, inclusion, community, violence prevention, and navigating academics.
- Northwestern Undergraduate Energy Club, Junior Executive Board, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL., Winter 2023
- Peer Mentor (selected by peers and faculty); Peer advisor for a Freshman Advisor Group; grade 12.
- Upper School Student Community Engagement Council (SCEC) (selected by peers and faculty)- gr10-12
- Class Cabinet (elected by peers)- 10th grade
- Kizuna, YouthCAN Leadership Program, (2018-2020).
- Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program 17, October 2019-March 2020.
- California Youth Leadership Summit, Feb 6, 2021; panels included World Peace and Cooperation, Coping with the Pandemic, Climate Change and Sustainability, Racial and Gender Equality and an International Forum

Extracurricular Activities

- Japanese Student Association, Northwestern University- Fall 2022-present
- Northwestern University Asian Pacific-American Coalition- Fall 2022-present
- Intramural Basketball, Northwestern University, Winter 2023
- Intramural Soccer, Northwestern University, Spring 2023
- Polytechnic School JV Fencing- grades 9, 10, 11 (Recipient of Coaches' Award in 2018)
- Polytechnic School Frosh/Soph Basketball- grades 9, 10
- Community Youth Council Basketball, Pasadena Bruins- grades 9, 10, 12

Community Engagement

- Counselor, Camp Wonder, Camp for children with severe skin disease sponsored by the Children's Skin Disease Foundation. Rutledge, GA. June 2023.
- Camp Counselor, Kizuna Summer Camp. Pasadena, CA. Summer 2022
- Founder and Director, Kokoro no Hashi. Developed an outreach program during the pandemic to provide entertainment by high school students to Japanese Nursing Home residents through a virtual platform. Quarterly programming included instrumental and vocal music, magic, dance, and visual arts/animation along with interviews with performers. June 2020-August 2022
- Coach, Pasadena Bruins Basketball Pee Wee Clinic Jan-Feb 2019, 2020, 2022
- Volunteer, Terasaki Budokan.
- Rehearsal Assistant, Los Angeles Children's Choir Prep Choir (Conductor: Mandy Brigham). 2015-2021
- Counselor-in-training, Camp Wonder, June 2020 and 2021.
- Kizuna Service-Learning Project. October-December 2018.
- Environmental Service Project: Santa Barbara Channelkeeper Service Project (restoration of the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds through science-based advocacy, education, field work and enforcement); Santa Barbara, CA; Sept 24-28, 2018

Music Experience

Choir Experience

Fall 2023-present-University Chorale, Tenor I, Northwestern University

Fall 2022-Spring 2023-University Singers, Tenor II, Northwestern University

2012-2022-Los Angeles Children's Chorus-Preparatory Choir, Apprentice Choir, Concert Choir, Young Men's Ensemble, Chorale (SATB) ensemble

Instrumental 2016-2022

- Polytechnic School Jazz Band (Conductor: Megan Foley) : Vibraphone, percussion, vocals, keyboard 2016-2022

LA Opera Los Angeles Opera- **Magic Flute** -Soloist 2016; **Tosca**- 2017; **Carmen**- 2017; **El Gato Montés** 2019; **La Bohème**-2019.

LA Philharmonic -**Otello** 2018; **A Trip to the Moon** 2018; **Leonard Bernstein's Mass** 2018; **Magic Flute** 2017; **Chichester Psalms** 2017; **Carmina Burana** 2017; **Tosca** 2016; **Missa Solemnis** 2015; **I Paglicci** 2014

Recordings

- 2017 ESPN's 'Canvas City' Theme-song recording with Kobe Bryant, recording
- 2017 *A Wrinkle in Time* soundtrack off-stage singer. Warner Bros/Disney. Burbank, CA.
- 2018 *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Soundtrack, off-stage singer. Universal Pictures/Illumination; (Conductor: Danny Elfman). Sony Studios, Culver City, CA.
- 2019 *Us* soundtrack (by Michael Abel) off-stage singer. Universal Pictures, Los Angeles, CA. January 2019.

Professional Memberships

- American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)

- Screen Actors Guild (SAG-AFTRA)