

Hiu Lam Cheryl Au

La Salle College Preparatory | Pasadena, CA | 12th Grade

EDUCATION

La Salle College Preparatory – Pasadena, CA GPA: 3.681

Honors & Awards:

- La Salle Alumni Association Scholarship: Two students selected from class of 2026 for leadership, service to the school and community and citizenship
- La Salle First Honors Certificates (10th and 11th Grades)
- La Salle Honors Certificate (9th Grade)
- National Chinese Honors Society: Inducted for excellence in Chinese studies, leadership, citizenship and community service
- La Salle Homecoming Court (2025) – Elected by the student body for leadership and school spirit

Advanced Coursework:

UC Scout AP Environmental Science Part 1 (final grade - 96%)

UC Scout AP Environmental Science Part 2 (final grade - 91%)

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **PlanetWise (Founder & President) | 2023–Present**
 - Founded and lead a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that connects six high school students from different countries to promote sustainability and recycling education.
 - Raised \$4,500 for post-fire restoration after the Eaton Fire.
 - Organized campaigns and online challenges that teach students simple ways to include recycling and composting in daily life.
 - Created educational materials and managed outreach that encourage young people to see sustainability as part of community responsibility.
- **Green Teens (Environmental Leadership Club) | Chief Events Organizer | 2022–Present**
 - Organized weekly classroom and school area recycling collections and deliveries to Pasadena's recycling center.
 - Led composting education and coordinated with City of Pasadena's compost hub for weekly community drop-offs.
 - Planned bake sales to raise funds for and awareness events to support local environmental organizations.
 - Collaborated with Ridwell to educate students about recycling difficult materials.

- **International Student Support & Mentorship (Peer Mentor) | 2023–Present**
 - Helped new international and immigrant classmates adjust to school life by offering guidance in academics, activities, and daily routines.
 - Served as a bridge between international students, teachers, and local classmates to promote inclusion and understanding.
 - Encouraged classmates to form connections, including co-founding the Badminton Club, which became a welcoming space for students from diverse backgrounds.
- **Ridwell Student Leader & Community Builder | 2024–Present**
 - Completed training on advanced recycling streams including multi-layered plastics, Styrofoam, and batteries.
 - Educated 400 families and neighbors to help them understand sustainable waste management practices.
- **Environmental Awareness Instagram Account (Creator & Manager) | 2022–Present**
 - Created and managed a social media account that promotes recycling, composting, and sustainability awareness among students and families.
- **Badminton Club (Co-Founder) | 2024–Present**
 - Helped start La Salle’s first Badminton Club to bring international and local students together and build a more welcoming school community.
- **Robotics Team (Member) | 2022–2024**
 - Contributed to engineering design and coding during regional competition preparation.
- **Cheer Team (Member) | 2022–2023**
 - Participated in 2023 NCA High School National Championships.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Amigos de los Rios – Urban Greening 501(c)(3) Nonprofit (San Gabriel Valley, CA) | Summer Intern | 2 months, summer 2024 & 2025

- Supported environmental projects through data entry, GIS research, and event coordination.
- Participated in tree planting, park restoration, and school greening initiatives.
- Assisted teaching in children’s environmental classes on geology, water conservation, and habitat restoration.
- Helped guide volunteers during large community events and encouraged participation in green space maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER WORK

- **Amigos de los Rios (Volunteer) | 2022–Present**
 - Regular volunteer for school and park greening projects and community events.
- **St. Philip the Apostle Church and Local Community Drives | 2022–Present**
 - Coordinated donation and recycling drives to support families generally and more recently, those affected by the Eaton Fire.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities (Volunteer) | 2022–Present**
 - Created and delivered more than 50 handmade cards per visit, four times a year, with friends for children receiving medical care, offering encouragement and support to patients and families.
- **BC Children’s Hospital (Young Ambassador) | 2020–2023**
 - Created an animated story for pediatric cancer awareness and raised funds through recycling and holiday drives throughout the year.
- **Heal the Bay (Volunteer)| 2023**
 - Participated in Los Angeles beach cleanups focused on marine debris prevention.

CULTURAL & ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- France Cultural Exchange Program (April 2024): Ten-day exchange program, selected to represent La Salle in Brest, France, for cross-cultural presentation to and dialogue with 100+ French students.
- University of Hawaii Chinese Language Exchange Program (May 2024): Ten-day immersion program focused on promoting culture and language.
- USC Annenberg Third Space Youth Institute (July 2024): Residential program; presented group research on social and economic issues to an audience of over 300 people.

LANGUAGES

- English: Native fluency
- Cantonese: Native fluency
- Mandarin: Advanced reading, writing, and speaking
- Japanese: Self-taught, basic conversational ability