Songyi Yu

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Profile

Sociology student at UCLA with experience leading international student organizations, founding a human rights club, and volunteering in rural education. Bilingual in English and Mandarin; skilled in writing, digital media, and event planning.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA — Expected 2028

B.A. in Sociology

Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA — Feb 2024 – June 2026

Associate's Degree in Communication | GPA: 4.0/4.0 | Dean's Honor List; Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

Leadership and Campus Involvement

International Student Forum, Santa Monica College | President; Press Head — Sept 2024 – June 2026

- As President (2025–2026), led a 15-member board serving 40+ members; ran 14 on-campus and 6 off-campus events.
- Led a 200-person prom with 5+ partner clubs, mobilizing $11,000+ in funding plus vendor sponsorships.
- As Press Head (2024–2025), published 30+ posts and grew social media followers by 20%+.

Human Rights Club, Santa Monica College | Founder — Apr 2025 – Sept 2025

- Founded a club for human rights advocacy; organized awareness events on campus and led outreach and fundraising.
- Ran social media and designed graphics and promotional materials to engage students in human rights issues.

Chinese Culture Club, Santa Monica College | Co-Founder — May 2025 – June 2026

- Co-founded a club promoting Chinese language and culture; recruited members and planned cultural events.

Volunteer and Community Engagement

Hope For China Dogs Rescue | Rescue Volunteer — Sept 2024 – Present

- Provide daily care for rescue dogs and help identify and coordinate with prospective foster homes to support rehoming.

Seed the Sun (Rural Education Nonprofit), Sichuan, China | Student Volunteer — Sept 2019 – Jan 2020

- Co-designed a gender-responsive sexuality education course for girls at a Project Hope school in Xiaoliangshan.
- Planned a charity exhibition of 28 handicrafts by its students, raising RMB 2,300 (about US$330) for the school.

Project Hope Primary School, Shenze County, Hebei, China | Volunteer Art Teacher — June 2016

- Designed and taught a one-week, 15-lesson art course to three fifth-grade classes (about 120 students).

Professional Experience

International Education Center, Santa Monica College | Peer Advisor — Aug 2025 – June 2026

- Advised prospective international students through the Unibuddy platform and led campus tours for visiting guests.
- Supported students at the front desk, processed administrative documents, and helped organize student events.

Intellectuals (Digital Media Platform), Beijing, China | Media Editor Intern — Nov 2022 – Feb 2023

- Planned and published articles for a digital media account averaging 100,000+ reads per article.
- Produced and edited promotional videos and collaborated with partner media accounts on joint content.

Activities, Writing, and Awards

Third Prize, 28th Ye Shengtao Cup National Student Writing Competition, for the essay *Choice* — Jan 2020

National Second Prize, China Science Writers Association — Oct 2019

6th National Science Fiction and Popular Science Writing Competition for Secondary School Students (Tianjin, China)

ROMUN 2019 Model United Nations Annual Conference, Beijing, China | Delegate — Aug 2019

- Represented a Chinese province in the China System, debating local poverty alleviation policies.

The Story of Daliangshan | Creative Nonfiction (in Chinese) — May 2019

- Wrote a 6,000-character story about a Yi girl who overcomes son preference to pursue education; selected for the Creative Writing Anthology of the High School Affiliated to Peking University and published on its WeChat account.

Skills and Languages

Languages: English (full professional proficiency), Mandarin Chinese (native)
Communication: Writing and editing, public speaking, cross-cultural communication, event planning, fundraising
Creative and Tools: Social media, graphic design, video production, photography, scriptwriting, Microsoft 365