



SOFIA SUSAL

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Globally minded leader and dialogue promoter experienced in trade & economic policy frameworks. On the path to a life and career in international business with the global fluency to drive positive change.

ACADEMICS AND EDUCATION

Lick-Wilmerding High School, Class of 2026

2022-2026

San Francisco, CA

- Advanced coursework includes: Honors Calculus, Honors Statistics, Honors Precalculus, Honors English 3 & 4, Honors US History, Honors French 4, Honors Biology (Anatomy & Physiology)
- GPA: 3.96 (Unweighted)
- SAT: 1520 (Math: 760, Verbal: 760)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

Lead Researcher, Abraham Accords Economic Partnership Study

2023-Present

Self-Directed Research on Cross-Cultural Regional Normalization

- Conducted independent research in Morocco, collaborating with Fulbright scholar [Dr. Mohsine El Ahmadi](#) at [Cadi Ayyad University](#) in Marrakech.
- Collaborated with 25+ academics, diplomats, business leaders, and artists across US, Morocco, and Israel: [Dr. Tal Becker](#), Lead Negotiator of Abraham Accords; [Yossi Klein Halevi](#), Hartman Institute; [Ambassador Said Benryane](#), Morocco-Israel Chamber of Commerce; [Yann Assor](#), Morocco-Israel Business Council; [Kamal Hachkar](#), award-winning filmmaker.
- Selected by LWHS Head of School as sole advisee in semester-long independent expanded study of regional normalization frameworks, including the Abraham Accords.

Founder, [UnlikelyPartnerships.com](#)

2024-Present

- Designed and launched education platform, [UnlikelyPartnerships.com](#), on Abraham Accords including original interviews, case studies, and community events.

INTERNSHIPS AND EVENTS

International Trade Consulting & Policy Intern, [TradeWorthy](#)

Summer 2025

Australian International Economic Policy and Development Firm specializing in Asia-Pacific Region

- Developed a comprehensive database and training materials on e-commerce provisions for 5,000+ [APEC](#) conference attendees in Seoul, Korea.
- Presented research findings to Japan's Renewable Energy Institute on decarbonization policies and trade implications.
- Analyzed international trade frameworks and their application to emerging economic partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region.

Cultural Community Program Curator & Producer

2024-2025

Self-Directed Cultural/Educational Documentary Film Tour for "[Tinghir-Jerusalem: Echoes from the Mellah](#)"

- Conceived of, coordinated, and produced an international film screening featuring Franco-Moroccan filmmaker [Kamal Hachkar](#) at the [Roxie Theater](#) and Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco.
- Educated 300+ attendees on Judeo-Berber history and contemporary geopolitical relevance through documentary screening and Q&A with the filmmaker.
- Secured \$3,000+ in grants from [JIMENA](#), [REBOOT](#), and institutional sources for programming.
- Coordinated with international stakeholders, film distributors, cultural institutions, event donors, university department heads, media, and community leaders to execute multiple successful events.



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FELLOWSHIP AND SUMMER ACADEMICS

Teen Fellow, Shalom Hartman Institute

2023-2024

Leading center of Jewish thought & education serving Israel and North America

- Selected for a nine-month fellowship including leadership seminars on Jewish law & American Jewish identity, and direct mentorship from Hartman Institute Scholars.
- Collaborated directly with Scholars Yossi Klein Halevi and Dr. Tal Becker on fundamental Jewish questions.

Summer Academy: Inside the UN, Journalism and Law

Summer 2023

The School of The New York Times, New York, NY

3-part program exploring journalism, law, and United Nations through professional lenses.

- Drafted Terms of Use for mobile application and designed infographic on "Period Poverty."
- Analyzed public discourse on world stage through press, legal, and international relations perspectives.

Columbia University Precollege: Entrepreneurship to Early Design

Summer 2023

Columbia University, New York, NY

- One-week intensive course focused on applied, practical approach to development, testing, and validation of customer-driven product solutions.
- Designed and pitched a waste-limiting smart refrigerator solution after working with real customers to understand problems.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Team Captain, Varsity Tennis

2025-2026

Lick-Wilmerding High School Varsity Girls Tennis

- Four-year varsity singles/doubles Varsity athlete.
- Led team to BCL League Semi-Finals in 2025.

JSU President, Vice-President & JSUFN Founder

2025-2026

Jewish Student Union & Jewish Student Union Family Network

- Founded the Jewish Student Union Family Network (JSUFN), an expanded platform of the student-led Jewish Student Union (JSU), and organized community-wide Shabbat dinner for two consecutive years with 130+ attendees.
- Created safe dialogue spaces with SAME (South Asian/Middle Eastern) students on Israel/Gaza conflict, fostering constructive cross-cultural conversation and understanding.
- Led campus Jewish community programming including cultural and religious education initiatives.

LANGUAGES, INTERESTS AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND

- Languages: French (Fluent), English (Native)
- French-speaking Jewish Moroccan family background with preserved Moroccan traditions spanning multiple generations
- Big sister, family chauffeur, lover of EDM, country, and International music.