

# 2023 - 2024

#### **JONAH TYLER "JT" MORRIS**

### **PROFILE**

**Personal Information** 

Name Jonah Tyler "JT" Morris

Sex, Birthdate Male, 11/11/2005 Address San Francisco, CA

Language

English First Language, Speak, Read, Write, Spoken at home Speak, Read, Write

Spoken at home Speak, Read, Write

Hebrew Speak, Read

Citizenship

Citizenship Status United States Citizen

Birthplace Sacramento, California – United States

**FAMILY** 

Household

Parents Married
Home Both Parents

Parent 1

Name Father – Michael Morris, address: same as my home address

Occupation Educator, Palo Alto Unified School District

**Education** Lake Washington University – BA

University of the Pacific - EdD

Parent 2

Name Mother – Lindsay Morris, address: same as my home address

Occupation Owner/CEO, Morris Realty

**Education** Real Estate License Program, Stockton, CA – Certificate

**Siblings** 

Name(s) Elliott Morris, 20 years old

#### **EDUCATION**

**School** North Point High School

San Francisco, CA

#### **Senior Year Courses**

Literature – Full Year
Statistics – Full Year
AP Spanish 4 – Full Year
AP Government Comparative Government & Politics – Full Year
AP Psychology – Full Year
Model United Nations

#### **Honors and Awards**

National Model United Nations – Outstanding Delegate (New York) – 11th grade National Spanish Exam – Premio de Oro – 10th grade

#### **Future Plans**

Prospective Major(s) Public Policy and Latin American Studies

Career Interests Policy Research

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Intern

11, 12 Office of California State Senator Scott Wiener 30 hw 4 wy Internet researcher of Solar Energy and Storage

Intern Summer 2022 and Summer 2023

**Community Service** 

11, 12 Bay Area Youth Service League
4 hw 40 wy Communications Chair, Volunteer

**Spanish Club** 

9, 10, 11, 12 The Spanish Club

4 hw 40 wy President, 11th and 12th grades

**Jewish Awareness** 

9, 10, 11, 12, continue The Jewish Awareness Club

2 hw 40 wy Vice-President – 11th, President – 12th

**Model United Nations** 

9, 10, 11, 12 National Model United Nations

5 hw 40 wy President & Chief Delegate, 11th and 12th grades

**Heartland Alliance Club** 

11, 12 Heartland Alliance International 2 hw 40 wy Northpoint High School Chapter

President & School Delegate, 12th grade

**Anti-Bullying Club** 

11, 12 ABC – Anti-Bullying Club

4 hw 40 wy Vice-President – 11th, President – 12th

#### **TRANSCRIPT**

North Point High School 49 Bayview Drive San Francisco, CA 94301

#### **Transcript for JONAH TYLER THOMAS**

Grade 9 (2020-2021)	Fall	Spring	Grade 10 (2021-2022)	Fall	Spring A- B- A B+		
English Composition	В	A-	British Lit	B+ C+ A C+			
Algebra 1	B-	C+	Geometry				
Spanish 1	Α	Α	Spanish 2				
Biology	B+	B-	Chemistry				
Modern Civilization	A-	A-	HON European History (*)	B+	A-		
Health/Intro to the Arts	В	C+					
9th Grade GPA - Weighted	3.50	3.00	10th Grade GPA - Weighted	3.00	3.60		
9th Grade GPA - Unweighted	3.50	3.00	10th Grade GPA - Unweighted	2.80	3.40		
Grade 11 (2022-2023)	Fall	Spring	Grade 12 (2023-2024)	Fall	Spring		
Comp/Literature	A-	А	English Literature				
Algebra 2	В	B+	Statistics  AP Psychology (*)				
HON Spanish 3 (*)	Α	Α					
Environmental Science	B+	Α	AP Gov & Politics (*)				
HON Psychology/Sociology (*)	A-	Α	AP Spanish 4 (*)				
AP US History (*)	Α	Α	Model United Nations				
11th Grade GPA - Weighted	4.17	4.33	12th Grade GPA - Weighted				
11th Grade GPA - Unweighted	3.67	3.83	12th Grade GPA - Unweighted				

Cumulative GPA - Weighted (\*) 3.60 Cumulative GPA - Unweighted 3.36

This transcript is unofficial unless embossed with the official school seal. All letter grades on this transcript, except Physical Education, are used in the calculation of the unweighted GPA. The weighted GPA is calculated by adding one point for AP and Honors courses which are marked with an asterisk (\*). Also, a "+" or a "-" does not affect the GPA.

#### **WRITING**

#### **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design. *Limit 650 Words* 

To know me is to know I love coffee.

Each morning, I enter class with my reusable cup filled to the brim. After school, I either grab a quick coffee or go to a cafe to do my homework. My favorite coffee is from a small chain called Spike's Coffee & Tea. Its trendy shop is decorated with cases of coffee bags dominating the walls, accompanied by the distinct smell of espresso, soft jazz, and baristas calling (not shouting) out orders. Big over-stuffed chairs add to the warm atmosphere. I was hooked the first time I tried their coffee.

Surprisingly, it wasn't the coffee that made me fall in love with Spike's, rather the special community it offered. I was instantly inspired to see people with various interests congregating comfortably in one place, working harmoniously. It felt as if I were at a coffee shop at the UN – multiple languages and a full rainbow of cultures were evident. I realized Spike's was a place where ideas could bloom and develop. The extra shot of caffeine didn't hurt either.

I became a regular, and charismatic baristas prepared my usual as I arrived. They would greet me with "Hey, it's the whale kid" – you know, Jonah and the .... You get it. Their energy was contagious and elevated my mood daily. No matter the level of stress in my day, Spike's became a place I could feel focused, but simultaneously happy and at peace. Spike's quickly became my community...who would have thought? An obsession developed, and like every great obsession, I had to share it. I introduced my best friend Noah to Spike's and we bonded over an almost ridiculous addiction – coffee from the Sierra Nevada region of Columbia and avocado toast on extra sour sourdough bread – local and organic, of course. You can say it became our "spot", as we were constantly there together.

All of my fondest memories are associated with coffee. While working on my speech about the deforestation of Peru for Model United Nations, I drank cup after cup of Peruvian coffee with its bright acidity, vibrant floral aromas, and rich sweetness. I used some money I received at my bar mitzvah to purchase a special pot to steep and prepare strong Turkish coffee which came in handy while trying to keep my head on straight during the second semester of my junior year. Finally, I bought a coffee grinder that crushes the beans instead of chopping them. Every morning my parents are awakened by the sound of beans being crushed and the heady aroma of coffee being brewed – one delicious drop at a time. My mom got me a chalk board to write the day's coffee on it – she thought this was funny.

My love of coffee is a snapshot of who I am. Coffee beans must be certified fair trade – I care about equality and fairness. They must be organic – I care about what goes into my body. I don't use bottled water for my coffee – I filter water from the tap – I care about the future of our planet.

While it may not be the secret ingredient for world peace, at the National Model United Nations Conference in Germany a group of us from various delegations gathered virtually over cups of coffee and discussed topics ranging from renewable energy to human trafficking to social media and the increase of

cyberbullying to hunger and famine. We didn't solve any of these problems, determination kept the conversations going.

Above all else, if you know what kind of coffee I am drinking you just might know time. As I write this, I am drinking one of my favorites – Jamaican Blue Mountain body exhibiting a rich chocolate finish with no bitterness or aftertaste.

What's in your cup?

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

"Community disruptions such as COVID 19 and natural disasters can have deep and long lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the well- being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including technology and quiet study spaces." Limit 250 Words

Due to the necessary health precautions and to accommodate delegations who are concerned about social distancing issues, the National Model United Nations Confer place in Washington, DC in November, 2020 was been re-imagined as a hybrid conference. For me, this was devasting news as as I was really looking forward to my first Model United Nations event.

As President and delegate to the Heartland Alliance International (HAI), I have been participating in national meetings. The mission of HAI is to secure the rights and we people and groups, including women and girls, and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, intersex, and plus community. Many individuals who self-identify in one often most vulnerable during times of crisis. The activities I have organized include arranging for meal delivery and coordinating "Nurturing Notes" to those without internet access.

#### LAKE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY – GENERAL SUPPLEMENT

#### **GENERAL**

Preferred start term Fall, 2024

Admission Plan Regular Decision

**ACADEMICS** 

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Major
Public Policy
Spanish

**CONTACTS** 

Contact 1 Campus tour

**Contact 2** Preview Program – San Francisco

Contact 3 High School Visit

Contact 4 College Fair at the Santa Clara Convention Center LWU Family Day

Contact 5 Interview - virtual

Contact 6 Made email contact with assigned admissions counselor

**FAMILY** 

Sibling Applied No

**Relative(s) Attended** Yes - Michael Morris (father)

#### LAKE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY – WRITING SUPPLEMENTS

#### Why are you a fit for Lake Washington University?

Lake Washington University has appealed to me ever since my dad told me stories about how much fun and how much he learned at LWU. I mean, who wants to go to a school just because their dad went there? But I really never gave it a second thought until a friend from the Bay Area Youth Service League recommended I look at LWU because of my interest in public policy. When thinking about a major, I have gravitated towards Political Science and Public Policy. I was especially interested in Dr. Caso's class on "Human Rights in Contemporary Mayan Literature." The combination of social issues, political philosophy, and Latin American literature made me excited with anticipation.

An LWU Admission counselor visited my school and talked about campus life, how great the food was, how students from California adjust to the rainy days in Seattle, and more. I asked a ton of questions and with each of his answers, I felt that he was describing my ideal school. Finally, my dad and I got to visit campus and stepping foot on campus and seeing his old dormitory reaffirmed everything I had read and researched. I spoke to former classmates who were deliriously happy at LWU. I know LWU has everything I want and I am excited to apply. I look forward to contributing to campus life, being a happy student and a loyal alumnus. And finally, I am super excited that are a ton of coffee shops nearby. I am a HUGE a coffee snob. I know LWU is the place for me and look forward to joining the LWU family – like my dad.

## Secondary School Report (SSR) – Part 1

#### School **North Point High School**

North Point High School is a co-educational, four-year public high school. The school community will help its students become critical thinkers and life-long learners who think critically and act thoughtfully. Total enrollment is 2,351 students with 544 seniors. Approximately 84% of the graduating seniors attend four-year colleges and 14% attend two-year college.

#### **School AP Policy**

Curriculum offered: 17 Advanced Placement classes in English, Mathematics, World Languages, Computer Science, Social Sciences, Art, Music, and Science.

#### **Counselor Details**

Name, e-mail, phone Louise Jonas, Jonas Louise@sfusd.ca.us (415) 555-9121 – direct line

#### Written Evaluation

Relationship to applicant College Counselor/Academic Advisor for four years **Descriptors** Witty, enjoys robust debates, reflective, global

Any school discipline or

**Criminal history** 

## Rank, GPA, and strength of curriculum for Jonah Tyler Morris

No

Rank: NPHS does not Rank **Curriculum Rigor** ☐ Most Demanding **GPA** ■ Very Demanding □ Demanding Weighted: 3.60 ☐ Average

Unweighted: 3.36

#### Please rate the applicant – Jonah Tyler Morris – in the following areas:

		D. L.		Good	Very Good	Excellent	Outstanding	Top Few
No Basis		Below Average	Average	(above average)	(well above	(top 10%)	(top 5%)	(top 1%)
					average)			
	Academic Achievement				Х			
	Extracurricular Accomplishments						х	
	Personal qualities and character						х	
	OVERALL					Х		

#### **TEACHER - Letter of Recommendation**

## RECOMMENDATION FOR: JONAH TYLER MORRIS - "JT"

I have been a teacher for 17 years at North Point High School and have had the pleasure of working with a diverse classroom of students in the areas of history and government. I also advise our chapter of National Model United Nations. I first met JT in my 9th grade Modern Civilization class. His nuanced understanding of the complex issues surrounding the Vietnam War was startling for someone so young. I have truly enjoyed watching him blossom over the last few years.

Truth be told, JT was not very impressive the first few weeks of class. Although he turned work in on time, it was not put together and had the feeling of being scattered. Half way through the year, after earning a B-during his first semester, it was as if a switch had been flipped. JT would spend time in my classroom during lunch and after school, asking questions about his work, and looking for ways to make improvements. JT matured dramatically in his first year at North Point, and I think found a true passion for writing opinion papers in my class. He turned things around and earned a solid A-; clearly, he had made huge improvements.

As his sophomore year approached, JT enrolled in my Honors European History course with great enthusiasm. The work load proved extremely challenging for him; JT was frustrated with the grades he was earning on assignments – mostly B's and some C's. Still, his maturity and strong work ethic were apparent. I remember JT reaching out to me one day to ask questions about a recent assignment – the underlying causes of World War I. JT is a keen student when he is on his own and is confident contributing his thoughts to classroom discussions. He is very insightful.

JT squeezed into my AP Government & Policy course this year and is doing quite well (I did not have him for 11th grade AP US History). JT is a very good writer – though his grammar and structure could stand finetuning but the content is always spot-on. I look forward to reviewing his work because his voice comes through with clarity, is genuine, and his reasoning impeccable. He has accomplished so much and can only but improve his already highly developed ability of discernment and analysis. JT will likely thrive in a liberal arts environment, and does quite well in smaller classroom settings; something he's exhibited greatly this year.

During his junior year, JT was awarded the highly coveted distinction of Outstanding Delegate at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York. His speech and paper on the effects of de-forestation in Peru on global warming received considerable praise. All of us at North Point are extremely proud of him. I hope that you'll accept my highest recommendation for JT – a mature, hardworking high school student. He is truly a pleasure to have in my class. I have seen how he has developed into an incredibly strong student and contributor over these past four years, and I know the next four will be equally, if not more so, impressive.

Diane Wheeler
History and AP Government Teacher, North Point High School
Faculty Advisor – North Point High School Chapter of National Model United Nations Copyright