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## Education

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### 2025: University of Toronto National Scholar

U of T's top scholarship, awarded to 12 of ~18,000 new undergrads/year. CS + Stats

### 2023—2025: The Abelard School, valedictorian

A small and rigorous Toronto high school with ~250 total alumni, including [Chris Olah](#) and [Vitalik Buterin](#)

## AI Safety

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### Built Toronto's first AI safety summer program | Summer 2026

Pitched in person at lectures across campus, drawing ~200 applicants (including an IMO silver medalist and the directors of U of T's main AI club). Recruited and now lead a team of 8. Secured funding from BlueDot Impact

### CAMBRIA participant | Spring 2026

Worked through the ARENA curriculum, hosted by [CBAI](#)

### SPAR researcher | Fall 2025

Developed a benchmark for agentic cheating on AI research tasks. Paper submitted to EMNLP. Our team's poster was awarded top 5 out of the ~100 teams in SPAR

### Co-founder of U of T's AI safety group, [TAISI](#) | Fall 2025

Also a [Pathfinder](#) fellow

## Experience

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### Researcher | U of T (Prof. [Marsha Chechik](#)) | Summer 2025

Satisfiability checking research — worked with [Clingo](#) and SLEEK DSL

### The P.I.N.E. Project, Staff | Summer 2024 and 2025

At 16/17, led 5-week off-grid backcountry survival programs for groups of ~15 kids, living in tents with no infrastructure. Handled a medical emergency requiring hospital evacuation.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu National Champion

First place at Canadian Nationals 2025 and Canadian Universities Championship 2026. Member of Team Canada 2025. 8 other first-place finishes at provincial and national-level competitions.