

# Charles A. Rutledge

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## EDUCATION

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**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History*, expected June 2028, GPA: 3.8/4.0 unweighted

**Lausanne Collegiate School**, Memphis, TN

*International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipient*, May 2024, GPA: 4.5/4.0 weighted

## ACADEMIC HONORS

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**Awards for Academic Excellence** (Awarded to one student per year)

- 2024 IB World History and IB Environmental Systems and Societies
- 2023 IB Theory of Knowledge and IB Environmental Systems and Societies
- 2022 IB American History and IB French

**National Honor Society**

- French, Science, Social Studies, and Math National Honor Societies

**Lausanne Magna Cume Laude** (2024)

## EXPERIENCE

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**Robert Weiner Associates/Solutions for Change Foundation** (June 2025 - Present)

*Policy Analyst/Op-ed Writer*

- Conducting policy analysis, writing op-eds for various publications, contributing to policy discussions

**Herb Parsons Habitat Protection Initiative** (2023-2024)

- Initiated and organized a wildlife protection project with the Herb Parsons park manager, designing and building dozens of freshwater fish and purple martin habitats

**LynxServe** (2022-2024)

- Coordinated with charities and nonprofits in Memphis (including Mid South Food Bank, the American Cancer Society, etc.) to plan service and fundraising events; managed and staffed these events

**Shelby County District Attorney's Office** (2023)

- Shadowed Under Shelby County Deputy District Attorney Paul Hagerman, observed legal proceedings, reviewed briefs and casefiles, contributed to discussions of cases, and researched case law

## LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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**Paul Douglas Institute** (2024-present)

*Researcher and Writer*

- Collaborating with the Chicago Community Trust to improve and expand their 3C initiative to address racial inequalities in home ownership
- Formulating report for client that suggests the practices, resources, and partnerships necessary to expand the 3C model beyond Humboldt Park and East Garfield Park

**Junior State of America** (2023-2024)

*Co-founder and Co-president of the Lausanne Chapter of JSA* (2023-2024)

- Quadrupled initial chapter membership, coordinated inter-school conventions, and guided debate practices

*Ohio River Valley Area Debate Specialist* (2023-2024)

- Formulated debate resolutions for conventions and managed debates during conventions

**Lausanne Quiz Bowl** (2021-2024)

*Team Captain* (2023-2024)

- Led the team to 11th place in the 2024 Small School National Championship Tournament
- Led the team to win \$7,500 in the 2024 WREG Knowledge Bowl Tournament

**Lausanne Varsity Cross Country** (2021-2024)

*Team Captain* (2023-2024)

- Ran practices, prepared the team for races, and organized team events and volunteer drives

**Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government Volunteer Conference** (2021-2024)

*Associate Supreme Court Justice* (Elected 2023-2024)

- Adjudicated simulated appeals court, researched case law, and delivered rulings

*Moot Court Lawyer Team* (2021-2023)

- Earned the 2021 Outstanding Attorney Award; selected for Final Case and Judicial Review Simulation
- Cooperated with partner to research case law, formulate briefs, and present oral arguments