

I was born in San Francisco, where I spent the first 18 years of my life. Growing up, I always felt empowered by all-girls environments. In third grade, I asked my parents if I could transfer to an all-girls school, which I then attended for five years. I spent nine summers attending an all-girls camp in Minnesota, where my experiences culminated in becoming a Counselor in Training. These were the places that I felt most comfortable, and when applying to college, I considered an all-girls college.

I ultimately decided to attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where I studied Economics and History. At Brown, I continued to pursue a passion for education that first started in high school. After my freshman year, I spent a second summer as a Teaching Fellow with Breakthrough Collaborative, working with underserved 7th and 8th graders in San Francisco. I loved building these relationships, learning about my students' lives and how I could support them, and watching them grow.

During the school year at Brown, I led an on-campus group called Eye to Eye. Eye to Eye is a national organization that has served 10,000+ students across America. It pairs college mentors with middle school students, all of whom have learning differences. As the Coordinator for this program, I guided our mentor-mentee pairs through weekly art projects that were intended to create space for conversation about our learning differences, how they impact our lives, and how we could be more effective and empowered self-advocates in social, academic, and extracurricular settings.

No matter where life takes me, my long-term ambition remains in education, and I have continued to take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about the space. Last year, I took a leave from Bain for five months to work in Business Operations at an Education Technology company, helping adults to achieve their career-switching dreams. While at Bain, I have also worked across Inspire cases that provide me with the opportunity to collaborate with organizations focused on education and empowerment, including Tools & Tiaras, as well as Breakthrough Collaborative.

I've loved working so closely with Judaline and the full Tools & Tiaras team, and I can't wait to see where this organization continues to grow.