

Zayd Mahmud

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EDUCATION

Plano West Senior High School

11th Grade · GPA: 4.57 (Weighted) · Rank: 71/1,199 · SAT: 1560 · PSAT: 1500

Plano, Texas

Expected Graduation: May 2027

EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant

Debate Coach

Plano, Texas

Sep 2025 – Present

- Coached **20+** students across LD and PF debate to championships, TOC bids, speaker awards, and the **2026 Texas PF Championship** title
- Authored arguments spanning philosophy, economics, and policy; delivered lectures and adjudicated practice rounds

Islamic Association of Collin County

Guest Speaker & Emcee

Plano, Texas

May 2024 – Present

- Emceed 7th and 8th annual Teacher's Appreciation Banquets; addressed **150+** educators and coordinated full night program and logistics
- Delivered public talks and conducted interviews at regional community and interfaith outreach events

Teacher

Sep 2021 – May 2023

- Designed and delivered self-curated K–8 curriculum in Islamic jurisprudence, Arabic, and history; managed grading, parent reports, and student mentorship

Freelance 3D Artist

3D Generalist

Jun 2022 – Present

- Managed full production pipeline (modeling, materials, lighting, rendering, compositing) for custom commissions

Crescent Moon

Host

Plano, Texas

Feb 2025 – Mar 2026

- Delivered front-of-house service, operated POS systems, and managed kitchen operations in a high-volume hospitality environment

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Speech and Debate – Rice MS, Jasper HS, Plano West HS

Competitive Debater and Team Captain

Plano, Texas

Sep 2021 – Present

- TOC bid** at Harvard Invitational – semifinals (**top 4 of 248**); **only sophomore** in the 2025 Texas State Sweet 16; ranked **top 25 nationally** in 2026, **top 5 in Texas** over two years of state qualification; **top 64 worldwide** in International Public Policy Forum essay competition; **4 tournament wins**; finals at **6+ invitationals**
- Captain of LD, PF, and Extemp teams – organized practices and mentored younger debaters to 10+ championships, speaker awards, and state qualifications

Boy Scouts of America – Troops 261 and 2060

Eagle Scout

Plano, Texas

May 2020 – Sep 2025

- Attained Eagle Scout rank; held leadership roles as Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aide, and Troop Guide
- Ran inaugural Religious Knot Emblem class; mentored younger scouts through hundreds of merit badges and advancement requirements

Muslim Student Association – Jasper HS, Plano West HS

Co-President

Plano, Texas

Aug 2023 – May 2025

- Coordinated intra- and inter-faith events, dinners, and daily prayers across two schools; liaised between students, teachers, and administration

Personal Blog – zayd.fun

Author & Creator

Dec 2025 – Present

- Writes long-form essays on competitive debate and philosophy; explores argumentation theory, propositional logic, and effective altruism
- Displays portfolios and writes on 3D art and colorimetrics; covers render theory, compositing, and color theory

HONORS & AWARDS

Eagle Scout: Highest rank in Scouts BSA, achieved by fewer than 4% of all scouts; led service project landscaping the Islamic Association of Collin County

2024 Presidential Volunteer Service Award (Gold): National recognition awarded by the President of the United States; completed 400+ hours of community service

AP Scholar with Distinction: Earned by scoring 3 or higher on 5+ AP exams with an average score of 3.5 or higher

Youth Excellence Award: Inaugural IACC award recognizing Plano Muslim youth who demonstrate excellence; presented at the IACC 25th Anniversary Conference

National Honor Society: Inducted for outstanding academic achievement, community service, and personal character