

SAMUEL DOWNS

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EDUCATION

Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin, TX August 2024 - May 2026
Academy for Design and Technology; Class of 2028 (GPA: 4.46)
Awards: AISD Trustee's Scholar Award - Top 10% Class Rank (2025); UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Silver Medalist

EXPERIENCE

Neighborhood Sports, NFL Flag Official, Austin, TX February 2026 - May 2026

- Officiated flag football games while adhering to NFL Flag and league rules/procedures
- Officiated up to 7 games per day.

VATSIM (Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network), *Observer & S1 Controller Trainee* December 2025 - Present

- Training toward S1 controller certification with the Forth Worth ARTCC (ZFW)
- Learning ATC procedures based on real FAA documents and procedures
- Employing FAA standard phraseology

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Austin High School Orchestra Student Board, *Technology Manager*, Austin, TX August 2025 - May 2026

- Regularly participates in weekly board meetings
- Designed ballot used by ~120 students to elect candidates to the following year's orchestra board
- Helped organize largest fundraiser of year by creating spreadsheets to track game poster creation progress

Freshman Model United Nations, *Delegation of Ukraine*, Austin, TX February 2025

- Represented Ukraine in a debate on the ethics of autonomous drone warfare
- Authored a resolution paper which was passed by the assembly
- Developed public speaking, argumentative, and research skills

Young Voters Club, *Member*, Austin, TX August 2024 - May 2025

- Analyzed and discussed real world geopolitical events to form a better understanding of the world around us

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- *Skills:* Aviation Radio Communication, Google Drive Suite, Technical Research, Document Editing/Revising, Computer Troubleshooting, Presentation.
- *Interests:* Professional Flight Training, Commercial Aviation Business, Viola Performance