

# Samson Zhang

Media Studies + Physics major with experience as PM, SWE, entrepreneur, journalist

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## Software, Product, and Entrepreneurship

**Product Intern** | [EV Connect](#), July - September 2021

Worked directly under the Senior Director of Product and Technology at a Series C electric vehicle charging company

**Founder** | [Postulate](#), January - June 2021

Founder of creator workflow software startup. Selected to interview for YC S '21 (7% interview rate)

**Organizer** | [Edyfi Agora](#), Summer 2021

Organizer of 18-person hacker house in San Francisco over the summer, part of a network of five summer houses under Edyfi, which I was a founding member of. Members included venture-backed founders, VCs, and engineers.

**Product Manager and Software Engineer** | [StartupTree](#), September 2020 - January 2021

For 300K+ users across 125+ platforms, conducted user research, led navigation and homepage redesign/rebuild, working directly with CEO, CTO, CPO

**Software Engineering and Product Design Contractor** | Illumina, Remnote, Cuely.ai, Pepple.ca, Tadpole Tutoring, and others; June 2020 - Ongoing  
Product/UI/UX design and frontend, full-stack, and backend development for various clients.

**UX Researcher** | [Ending Maternal Mortality / Nigerian Ministry of Health](#), October 2020 - November 2020

Interviewed on-ground health workers, worked to develop a novel model for live-saving misoprostol (MM-preventing drug) distribution in Jigawa, Nigeria.

**Founding Board Member** | [Stem4Free](#), March 2020 - November 2020

With 7-person board of directors, scaled 501(c)(3) food rescue org from creation to 36 branches, rescuing 732K+ servings of food to date

**President** | Andover Chinese Student Association, May 2019 - May 2020

Spearheaded first-ever interscholastic Lunar New Year celebration, with 150+ students from 5 schools attending, as well as regular club events. Organized events and led panels to spark discussion about white supremacy, critical race theory, Asian anti-blackness, and other topics at Andover

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## Writing and Journalism

**News Staff Writer** | [The Student Life](#), Sep 2021 - Present

Contributing weekly news articles to the Claremont Colleges' student paper. Built and maintain COVID dashboard, covered COVID-related housing issues, and contributed features, event coverage, and other stories.

**Editor** | [The Yappie](#), May 2021 - Present

Alongside Axios and former Politico, NAACP staff, editor of the only independent publication dedicated to covering AAPI politics and activism, read by members of Congress, White House staff, and AAPI advocacy organizations. Contributed features, election coverage, and other stories

**Executive Digital Editor, Video Section Assoc. Editor** | [The Phillipian](#), January 2019 - January 2020

Directed coverage and spearheaded initiatives for digital-first transition of Andover's financially and editorially independent student newspaper, with a weekly circulation of 3000+ and 100+ board members and staff. Founded Andover's first live-broadcast news show, spearheading \$10K studio creation and directing 5 editors, 12+ reporters producing weekly segments

**Founding Film & Spoken Word Director, Critical Writing Associate Editor, Critic & Columnist** | [The Incandescent Review](#), May 2020 - Sep. 2020

Contributed and edited editorials, culture reviews, and news pieces published by an interscholastic literary magazine.

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## Education

**B.A. Media Studies, Physics** | Pomona College, Fall 2021 - Spring 2025 (anticipated)

**High School Diploma, Cum Laude** | Phillips Academy, Fall 2017 - Spring 2020