

BIAK THA HLAWN

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EDUCATION

Stanford University '25

B.S. Design

Minor Human Rights

Reagan IB High School '21

Full Diploma Programme

HONORS

2024 Qvest Mentee

2024 HOME Fellow

2023 SAI Art + Justice Grantee

2023 Browzwear Fellow

2023 SIPA Fellow

2022 Rising Bird Fellow

2022 Stanford Community

Organizing Fellow

2022 VPA Arts Grantee

2022 CSWS Fellow

2021 Horatio Alger Scholar

2021 Elks MVP Top 20 Finalist

2021 Youth of the Year Top 3

LEDA Cohort 16 Scholar

SKILLS

Technical

Dedoose

FinalCut Pro

Needfinding

Python

R

Rapid Prototyping

VStitcher

Language

Hakha-Chin (1st Language)

English (Native)

Burmese (Working Proficiency)

Spanish (Working Proficiency)

Others

Interview

Mentor/Coach

Public Speaking

Teaching Assistant

EXPERIENCES

UX Researcher, Geysler Holdings

Jan 2024 - Present

Conducted need-finding research for Geysler Holdings to create an innovative anti-vaping product focused on ethical design; Collaborated with a dynamic team of selected students through the Stanford Center for Innovation and Design Research

Executive Member, Thantlang Council International

Sep 2023 - Present

Led a research team in the areas of Northeast India and Myanmar border townships on the topic of Chin refugees and Internally Displaced Peoples; Pioneered an effective and sustainable organizational structure and design as a non-profit organization

Intern to CEO, AIDII; Indianapolis, IN

June 2023 - Present

Elevated the brand kit for media marketing and web design using Figma, reaching a 15% increase in online engagement; Orchestrated the cataloging of the brand's inventory comprising over 500+ items

Executive Director, Myanmar Student Leaders of America

June 2023- Present

Co-founded and pioneered the inaugural scholars' program for 15 high-achieving Myanmar-descent high school students in the US while shaping the organization's strategic direction and long-term vision; Increased the organization's visibility by 800%

Executive Director, Chin Leaders

February 2021 - Present

Fundraised over \$10,000 in mutual aid funds to support the democracy movement in Myanmar; Led an 8-member team to organize and advocate for Myanmar through various methods; Developed successful campaigns and workshops during COVID-19 to raise awareness about Myanmar

Program Management & Marketing Intern, HOME

June 2021 - June 2023

Organized events for and by refugees in the local Milwaukee area to celebrate World Refugee Day throughout the summer, attended by more than 1,000 people; Directed, hosted, and produced two cultural fashion shows for two consecutive summers; Increased the organization's social media engagement by 150%

PROJECTS

2023 Walks of Asia Fashion Show, Creative Director & Producer

Directed and produced Stanford's first Asian cultural fashion show consisting of 50+ models and 400+ attendees to represent over 40 different cultures.

"Ka Tuanbia" Sexual Violence Research, Research Lead

Published 12-page research on sexual violence in the Chin community.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Stanford FashionX, Fashion-Identity-Culture Director

Oct 2023 - Present

Stanford Women in Design, Partnership Intern

Jan 2023 - Present

Asian Women's Alliance, Service & Advocacy Chair

Jan 2022 - June 2023

Asian American Students' Association, LTS Chair

Jan 2022 - June 2023

Stanford Myanmar Student Association, Founder & President 2023