

# Zoma Marino Bio

**What year did you graduate from CHS?**

2022

**Where do/did you attend/graduate from college?**

*I am an undergraduate student at Yale University! I am double majoring in Computer Science and Visual Arts.*

**How did taking IB classes and/or graduating with an IB certificate or diploma help you be prepared for your college experience?**

I know it's cliché to say the skills I learned in the IB program were more valuable than the diploma itself, but I would be lying if I said that wasn't true! Every day, I am grateful that I stuck with the IB program at Clearfield - it has been invaluable to how I navigate life in college. The skills I learned in IB classes such as English and Theory of Knowledge have transformed the way I think. I firmly believe the knowledge I learned from the diploma program has provided me a significant edge in how I engage in seminar discussions, problem sets, and life in general. People like to label the IB as impossibly challenging to succeed in, but trust me, this is nothing you can't handle! You can do this!

**Are you willing to be contacted by a current CHS IB student to offer college/career advice?**

*Definitely with a capital D! If you ever feel stuck, please don't hesitate to reach out - I'm always happy to help! In addition to these responses, I would also like to share some background about how I applied to Yale! I applied through a program called QuestBridge as a first-generation low-income student. This program helps highlight FGLI students who demonstrate the capacity to succeed at top schools when they apply. I have undergone the highs and lows of their application process, so if any student of yours ever wants to apply through QuestBridge, feel free to connect them with me! I would love to help.*