

JONATHAN PLONA

5 Morris Circle | Wolcott, Connecticut 06716 | 203.695.5467
jonathan.plona@uconn.edu | jtplona.com

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, May 2029

Major: Mechanical Engineering; Concentration in Aerospace

Current GPA: 3.959

- University Honors Program
- Selected as one of 398 students nationwide from a highly competitive pool of 617,576 applicants for the 2025 cohort of the Stamps Scholars Program. This prestigious scholarship recognizes academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to service. The Stamps Scholarship is the most valuable undergraduate scholarship awarded at UConn.
- Member of various clubs, including UConn FIRST and UConn College Democrats

Wolcott High School, Wolcott, CT

High School Diploma, June 2025

- Graduated as Valedictorian
- Earned 50 college credits from Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment (with the University of Connecticut)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mattatuck Scout Reservation, Plymouth, CT

Business Manager (seasonal), June 2023 - Present

- Principally manage a budget of more than \$250,000 by ensuring spending optimization and analyzing funds available.
- As a member of the camp's administration team, I help run the camp's day-to-day operations.
- Outside the summer, I work behind-the-scenes to help with marketing, social media, and other improvements, including improving communication and customer service.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Tolland County Robotics Foundation, Willington, CT

Director of Special Projects, August 2025 - Present

- Work on assignments at the direction of the President to improve the administration of the nonprofit, including ensuring compliance with various laws and regulations, event planning, and grants.
- Improved accounting, ensuring tax compliance and a strong budget.
- Recognized as the first ever Volunteer of the Year for the Tolland County Robotics Rumble. For this event, I served as Head Referee, was on the planning committee, and was part of the group that started the event in 2023.

Wolcott Robotics Foundation, Wolcott, CT

Director of FIRST Programs, July 2024 - June 2025

- Led administration, recruitment, and management of several youth robotics teams.
- Frequently reported to the Board of Directors to ensure alignment with organizational goals.

Scouting America, Various Locations

Various Roles, January 2024 - Present

- Having been elected as Publicity Officer in the Mattatuck Volunteers, I lead marketing and promotion efforts for the alumni and support organization of the Mattatuck Scout Reservation.
- As an adult leader in Troop 230 of Wolcott, CT, I guide Scouts in the troop and deliver on the mission of Scouting.
- I became an Eagle Scout in September 2024. I completed my Eagle Scout Service Project by producing a set of videos to be used for science lessons in local classrooms.
- I serve as an officer in the Tschitani Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, which is Scouting's National Honor Society. As Camp Chief of the Mattatuck Scout Reservation, I lead all Order of the Arrow programming at the reservation and am the liaison between the camp and the lodge. I am one of seven officers serving 500 members in Tschitani Lodge.

FIRST, Various Locations

Event Volunteer, 2019 - Present

- Serve in key roles, including Head Referee, Game Announcer, and Planning Committee member for a STEM-focused nonprofit organization.