



Eric Harris

PERFUMER TRAINEE CANDIDATE

EDUCATION

B.S. Chemistry Expected May 2026
University of Houston – Downtown · Houston, TX
—GPA: 3.891 — Summa Cum Laude
—Dean's List, 5 of 7 semesters
—Coursework: Organic Chemistry I & II, Analytical Chemistry, Instrumental Analysis
—Recipient of the **Excellence in Chemistry Award**, 2025–2026 — awarded to one student annually

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant Jan 2026 – May 2026
University of Houston – Downtown · PI: Dr. Eszter Trufan
U.S. Dept. of Education Grant — Sustainable Organic Chemistry Protocols
—Reviewed literature independently to identify protocols and establish experimental baselines
—Designed and executed experiments largely independently, reporting findings to PI
—Iteratively compared Soxhlet, reflux, and room-temperature maceration for extracting aromatic compounds from raw materials
—Operated GC/MS to identify and quantify extracted compounds; performed purification, recrystallization, and characterization
—Documented procedures and results toward a reproducible, sustainability-focused protocol publication
—Presented findings at the UHD Student Research Conference, Spring 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fragrance Consultant Feb 2026 – Present
Baroque & Bloom Parfumerie · Houston, TX
—Recommend fragrances based on client preferences, lifestyle, and scent memory
—Track fine fragrance trends and house aesthetics across niche and designer perfumery
—Communicate scent profiles — notes, dry-down behavior, olfactive family — clearly to diverse clientele

Barista Oct 2024 – Feb 2026
Antidote · Houston, TX
—Used knowledge of coffee, wine, and beer to guide guest orders and describe flavor profiles
—Maintained quality standards through consistent preparation and attention to quality

Barista → Coffee Director → Beverage Director Dec 2016 – Apr 2023
Paulie's Restaurant · Houston, TX

Beverage Director & Supervisor Apr 2019 – Apr 2023
—Led a small team overseeing the full beverage program — wine, beer, and coffee — including product selection and staff training
—Tracked sales trends and developed promotion strategies for underperforming products
—Ran one-on-one and vendor-led training sessions on evaluation techniques and product knowledge

Coffee Director & Supervisor Dec 2017 – Apr 2019
—Promoted to lead the coffee program; oversaw ordering, equipment maintenance, and quality control
—Created training materials on origin, roast, and extraction for front-of-house staff

Barista Dec 2016 – Dec 2017
—Built a tasting vocabulary across coffee, wine, and beer through self-directed study, demonstrating learning agility

ARTS & DISCIPLINES

Volunteer DJ Jun 2024 – Present
KTRU Rice Radio · Houston, TX

—Broadcast a general-access show spanning classical, local, and experimental music — an exercise in creative self-expression
—Curate sets for arc and mood, moving across genres with intention

Student of Urasenke Chado (Japanese Tea Ceremony) 2011 – 2016
Private Study · Houston, TX

—Immersed in a practice centered on aesthetic precision and attention to aroma, texture, and environment
—Developed a cross-cultural vocabulary for describing scent, texture, and environment

PROFILE

Chemistry undergraduate with a career goal of working in fragrance. Conducted research in the extraction and characterization of raw materials, including hands-on GC/MS analysis. A decade of professional training in taste and aroma, now applied to fine fragrance. Driven by curiosity and a lifelong engagement with olfactory culture.

DETAILS

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PROFICIENCIES

LABORATORY

- GC/MS
- Extractions
- Recrystallization
- TLC
- UV-Vis
- IR Spectroscopy
- Sustainability

SENSORY

- Olfactory Eval.
- Flavor Profiles
- Aroma Classification
- Fragrance Families
- Raw Materials

PROFESSIONAL

- Training & Education
- AI Tools
- Team Leadership
- Trend Analysis
- Client Consultation
- MS Office

LANGUAGES

English NATIVE
Spanish B1
French (ingred. terms) DOMAIN

PERSONAL

Traveled to ten countries across four continents. Reads widely in classical, contemporary, and translated literature. Practices knitting, drawing, and cooking. Passionate about music, from the classical to the experimental.