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ABOUT ME

IB Senior at Seminole High School (Sanford, FL). **National Spelling Bee Finalist (5th place)** and co-founder of Hive Education LLC. Looking to study in the Jerome Fisher M&T Program and the Wharton School. Passionate about combining entrepreneurship, business, and technology such as AI to build innovative solutions, especially in educational technology. Interested in startup creation, social entrepreneurship, EdTech ventures, and leadership.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **5th Place, Scripps National Spelling Bee** (2022) ([National Spelling Bee Feature](#))
- **National Merit Scholar Semifinalist** (PSAT 1520, 2025), **NHS Inductee**
- Sir Garfield Sobers **International Under-19 Cricket Tournament Champion as Captain** (2025), Semi-Finalist (2024)
- **NSDA National Speech & Debate Tournament Qualifier** (2024 (as alternate), 2025) & **NCFL Nationals Qualifier** (2023, 2024 (as alternate))
- **3-year Varsity Tennis Letterman**, 2x All-County Athlete Academic Achievement Award
- **Best Bowler**, Series vs. Jamaica u15 National Team (2023) & MLC Jr. Championship Atlantic Conference (2022), **All-Conference Dream Team** (2022)

BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Co-Founder of *Hive Education LLC*. (<https://www.hivespelling.com/>) 2023 - Present

- Co-created EdTech startup teaching K-8 students to spell using a pattern-recognition-based approach in lieu of memorization.
- Selected as Official Learning Platform ([learn.spellingbee.ae](#)) of the Spelling Bee Championship UAE ([Official Website](#); 2,000 annual participants). Launched in August 2025, with 350+ users and 50% free-to-paid conversion rate. Hosted webinar ([Webinar Link](#)) for hundreds of international spellers and parents.
- Launched pilots in Goldsboro Elementary and Sanford Middle, administered/judged school spelling bees. Pending evaluation in Seminole County Public Schools as recommended county-wide spelling bee preparation tool for 40,000 K-8 students in ~50 schools.
- Lead marketing and content creation, manage interns, negotiate agreements, led cold-outreach to 500+ educators, administrators, spelling bee directors
- Featured on cover of local publication *Stroll Heathrow*.
- Gained essential entrepreneurship and customer acquisition skills, EdTech startup experience, and strengthened adaptability and persistence.

Varsity Speech & Debate Co-Captain, Member 2022 - Present

- Redesigned club meeting formats to provide personalized instruction and mentorship based on each member's chosen event, doubling club retention rates and quadrupled active member enrollment.
- Advanced to multiple National tournaments in National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) and National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL) circuits, Regional tournament champion and runner-up; several top-5 finishes in NSDA and NCFL regional circuits.

Founder of Markham Mechatronic Madness 2022 - Present

- Founded and executed an impact-driven annually recurring event at Markham Woods Middle School allowing community members to interact with student-built robots and learn about Markham's Biomechatronics program, while raising important funds to sustain the Robotics program.
- Invited to host event each year as chief guest of honor.

CRICKET (<https://bit.ly/CricketStats>)

NY Tri-State Development Captain 2025 - Present

Captained the New York Tri-State Development Cricket Team to victory in the 2025 Sir Garfield Sobers International U19 Cricket Tournament, the **first victory by an American team** in the tournament's history. Coordinate flight plans, uniform design, lodging, and tournament logistics.

National-Level Youth Cricketer 2022 - Present

Selected to represent the NC-FL region at USA Cricket (USAC) U19 Conference Championships (2024, 2025). **Vice-captain of Florida U15** and **best bowler** award at USAC U15 South Zone Regionals. **Selected to represent South Zone** at USAC U15 Nationals (2022). **Career Stats: 158 matches, 148 wickets, 938 runs.**

Orlando County Cricket Club & Florida Panthers Youth Cricket Academy (FPYCA) Player 2019 - Present

6-year founding member of academy. Founding member of first youth development team in the Florida Cricket Conference (FCC). **Top 15 bowler** of 200+ players league-wide. **Selected Team MVP** (2025), **Club Emerging Player of the Year** (2024). **FCC stats: 70 career matches, 62 wickets, 498 runs.**

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Club Ambassador + Cricket Volunteer 2022 - Present

Florida Panthers Youth Cricket Academy (FPYCA), American Women Cricket Club (AWCC)

- Run booths, deliver speeches, conduct coaching demos. Create marketing flyers, posters, & dynamic QR codes, **growing FPYCA from 5 to 30+ members.**
- Volunteer at grassroots AWCC womens' youth cricket tournaments, provide live commentary, manage live streams, assist with match scoring on digital platforms, tournament venue set up, and tournament organization, resulting in greater awareness for grassroots womens' cricket.

Coach & Subject Matter Expert 2022 - 2025

NorthSouth Foundation

Taught 50+ students in grades K-8 to spell and prepare for spelling bees, **designed international organization's spelling curriculum**, created gamified learning materials, **delivered parent info webinars**. **Administered and judged national qualifiers** for spelling/vocabulary/geography bees.