

# EKANSH RASTOGI

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## ABOUT ME

IB Senior at Seminole High School (Sanford, FL). **National Spelling Bee Finalist (5<sup>th</sup> place)** and **co-founder of Hive Education LLC**. Looking to study business/management/entrepreneurship. 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

- **5<sup>th</sup> 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 August 2025; 350+ users and 50% free-to-paid conversion rate. **Hosted webinar** ([Webinar Link](#)) for hundreds of international spellers/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 **tripling 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: 159 matches, 150 wickets, 947 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: **71 career matches, 64 wickets, 505 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.