

# Saaket Poray

Gen Z Entrepreneur

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## Experience

### **Founder & CEO at Foodaba**

August 2016 - Present (3 months)

In the United States, 40% of the food that is sold goes uneaten. Foodaba helps restaurants reduce food waste by allowing restaurants to interact with consumers to efficiently maximize the usage of food products.

<https://foodaba.com>

### **Chief Marketing Officer at Campus Kickstarter**

September 2016 - Present (2 months)

Matching Startups and Universities. Students are hired by Startups to increase usership on their campus. The platform allows the startups to pick how many universities and how many students are needed to kickstart business. Campus Kickstart (C.K.) is a student-based startup company positioning itself to become a market leader in offering promotional, marketing, and sales services by students across colleges in America for various startup companies providing services/products that are useful and beneficial to students. It provides a unique forum for both the Companies/Employers and the Students/Employees to meet and collaborate. After identifying potential companies through in-depth market research, we provide said companies and startups with ambassadors who can market their brand and in turn increase its sales. By choosing ambassadors from the target market we ensure that both the promoters and the consumers are equally enthusiastic about the product.

### **Ambassador at HatchPad**

September 2016 - Present (2 months)

Gen Z is poised to be the largest group of entrepreneurs the world has ever seen yet they lack social and collaborative online tools (mobile, web, tablet) required to effectively learn how to start, run and fund their business.

HatchPad answers this problem by providing young people with a cost-effective platform they can use anytime/anywhere to build out and validate their business ideas, crowd source their teams, build their network, find and connect with mentors and fund their companies.

HatchPad (powered by KidBacker) addresses 5 key areas of the startup life cycle: Idea, Company, Prototype, Funding, and Go-To-Market. Cross-cutting concerns include e-learning and certification, collaboration and communication, crowdfunding, grants and scholarships, and project management.

**Ambassador at KidBacker Enterprises, LLC**

September 2016 - Present (2 months)

KidBacker ties the act of crowdfunding to learning about entrepreneurship, business and finance to empower tomorrow's business leaders today. KidBacker transforms the way students engage in and learn about entrepreneurship through our pervasive, student-driven, experiential learning platform. By combining formal, informal, social AND project based activities including a way to connect with mentors, launch a business, and raise capital, students can start their lifelong learning journey in the area of business and entrepreneurship. Not everyone is meant to be a founder, but having an entrepreneurial mindset is critical for anyone who aspires to succeed in business and have a competitive advantage when rising up the career ladder.

**Impact Leader at NextGenVest**

July 2016 - Present (4 months)

NextGenVest is a mission centered start-up based in New York City that is providing the next generation with education to manage their money effectively so they can excel in the real world. We believe that all financial decisions should be "in plain English" and that the next generation of financial consumers should receive unbiased and trustworthy information that is easily accessible.

**Student Ambassador at Dulles High School**

January 2016 - June 2016 (6 months)

I represented the school and helped students who came from other places get settled in the environment of school. I showed them where their classes were and told them important things going on at school.

**Entrepreneur at MIT Launch**

September 2015 - April 2016 (8 months)

MIT Launch is a year-long entrepreneurship program for high school students, teaching students the entrepreneurial skill set and mindset through starting real companies. Students go through rigorous coursework, collaborate with peers and mentors, and use the multitude of tools surrounding them at MIT to realize what it takes to be successful in the real world – resourcefulness, adaptability, and innovation. The course incorporates foundations of entrepreneurship, idea development and teaming, disciplined entrepreneurship, and professional skills development.

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## Volunteer Experience

**Vice President of Youth Board at Shape Up Fort Bend**

November 2015 - Present

Shape Up Fort Bend (SUFB) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, based in Fort Bend County, Texas. The mission of Shape Up Fort Bend is to connect the community, raise awareness and encourage activities that foster a healthy lifestyle. The vision of SUFB is to support and provide all of the citizens in Fort Bend County, Texas with the resources to make healthy lifestyle choices.

**Member at American Red Cross**

October 2015 - Present

**Member at Habitat for Humanity International**

September 2016 - Present

**Volunteer at Houston Food Bank**

November 2015 - Present

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## Skills & Expertise

**Entrepreneurship**

**Passionate about work**

**Photography**

**Start-ups**

**HTML5**

**CSS**

**Arduino**

**Java**

**Web Development**

**WordPress**

**Raspberry Pi**

**Linux**

**Internet of Things**

**Marketing**

**Adobe Photoshop**

**C++**

**Python**

**Management**

**Leadership**

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## Organizations

**Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States (AYLUS)**

August 2015 to Present

**Society for Science & the Public (SSP)**

Member

September 2016 to Present

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## Honors and Awards

**Semi-Finalist - The Paradigm Challenge**

The Paradigm Challenge

June 2016

More than 50,000 youth aged 7 to 18 accepted the 2016 Paradigm Challenge to create new ideas to reduce injuries and fatalities from home fires. Less than 5% of all participants were selected as Semi-Finalists.

<http://www.projectparadigm.org/>

## **2nd Place State - Science Olympiad**

Science Olympiad

April 2015

Placed 2nd at state in Bio Process Lab.

## **1st Place - IncubateHou Entrepreneurial Hackathon**

IncubateHOU

August 2016

Youth Entrepreneurial Hackathon in Houston.

Project: [https://www.hackster.io/saaketporay/stove-top-flame-notifier-3735b4?ref=user&ref\\_id=81017&offset=0](https://www.hackster.io/saaketporay/stove-top-flame-notifier-3735b4?ref=user&ref_id=81017&offset=0)

<http://incubatex.org/hou/>

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## **Publications**

### **My Arduino Projects**

Arduino Project Hub

Authors: Saaket Poray

A collection of various projects I've made using Arduino.

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## **Education**

### **Clements High School**

2016 - 2019

Activities and Societies: Clements Jets, Science Olympiad, Habitat For Humanity, Clements Interact, Clements Computer Science Club.

### **Dulles High School**

2015 - 2016

Activities and Societies: Student Ambassador, DECA Business Club, Science Olympiad, Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society), Sister Cities Houston, TASK (Teens Assisting Special Kids), Red Cross.

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## **Projects**

### **Arduino Projects**

Members:Saaket Poray

A collection of various projects I've made using Arduino.

### **Stove-top Flame Notifier**

August 2016 to Present

Members:Saaket Poray

Project I made at IncubateHOU hackathon. Won first place.

## Certifications

### **Duolingo French Fluency: Beginner (Estimated)**

Duolingo    September 2016

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#### Languages

<b>English</b>	(Native or bilingual proficiency)
<b>Spanish</b>	(Limited working proficiency)
<b>Hindi</b>	(Elementary proficiency)
<b>Marathi</b>	(Limited working proficiency)
<b>French</b>	(Elementary proficiency)

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