

Aarush Kumar

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Macaulay Honors College at The City College of New York | New York, NY

May 2029

GPA: N/A

High School Diploma with Honors

Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics | New York, NY

June 2025

GPA: 4.0

EXPERIENCE

Vernato

Founder and Developer

June 2025 – Present

Remote

- Built an AI pronunciation platform using Azure Speech SDK to deliver unmatched phoneme-level analysis and assessment across 30+ languages and their regional variants
- Created VoiceGuru chatbot with Google Gemini for personalized coaching and adaptive learning
- Implemented IndexedDB caching + automated cleanup, reducing Vercel transformations by ~90%
- Added TOTP-based multi-factor authentication (MFA) and CSRF protection to secure audio recordings

Veritas AI

AI Scholar

Sept 2024 – Nov 2024

Remote

- Collaborated with Harvard CS PhD candidate Jason Jabour to train and validate CNNs on CIFAR-10
- Led group to achieve the highest reported test accuracy of 72.24% using a baseline CNN, and tuned activation functions (ReLU, Leaky ReLU) + L2 kernel regularization to improve generalization

EMTY Commuting App

Lead Developer and App Designer

Aug 2024 – April 2025

New York, NY

- Designed UI and UX in Figma to display real-time subway car occupancy; built a secure real-time backend with Firebase Auth and Realtime Database
- Presented EMTY at the U.S. Capitol and at Congressman Adriano Espaillat's office

Simplify Me.

Founder and Developer

Dec 2023 – May 2025

New York, NY

- Created a platform to simplify privacy policies using ToS;DR framework + AI-generated summaries
- Built WordPress backend with a trending system, Zapier automations, and a Discord bot for file processing
- Presented to the Artificial Intelligence class at the City College of New York under instructor Sam Kessler

VOLUNTEERING

Ranger Conservation Corps

Volunteer

Oct 2024 – Dec 2024

New York, NY

- Participated in restoration projects in four Manhattan parks, including the removal of invasive species
- Gained hands-on experience with traditional Lenape conservation techniques while contributing to the preservation of New York City's tribal and natural history

HONORS & AWARDS

- First Place, Congressional App Challenge (NY-13) for EMTY
- Second Place, Zahn Center Innovation Sprint (Empire State Realty Trust) for Stuart
- AP Scholar with Distinction

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages | TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML (Proficient); Python (Intermediate); C++, Swift (Beginner)

Frameworks & Tools | Git, Vercel, Firebase, Azure, AWS, Google Cloud, Zapier, WordPress, Next.js, Tailwind CSS