# Amulya Garimella

# **Education**

2017–2021 Fox Chapel Area High School, Pittsburgh, PA.

GPA: 4.23, top decile

# Honors

2020 National Winner, Aspirations in Computing Award.

National Center for Women & Information Technology

- Selected as one of 40 award recipients out of over 4,700 applicants all over the country
- 2020 **Regional Affiliate Winner**, Aspirations in Computing Award.

  National Center for Women & Information Technology, Western & Central PA Affiliate
- 2019 National Honorable Mention, Aspirations in Computing Award.

National Center for Women & Information Technology

- Selected as one of 360 award recipients out of over 4,300 applicants all over the country
- 2019 National Fellow, she++ #include Fellowship.
  - Selected as one of 50 national #include fellows helping drive tech education in their community
- 2018 **2nd Place**, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Senior Biology Category

- Won for "Computational Biology Approach to Identifying the Genetic Pathways that Impact Neurodegenerative Diseases"
- 2018 **Regional Affiliate Honorable Mention**, Aspirations in Computing Award. National Center for Women & Information Technology, Western & Central PA Affiliate
- 2017 Carnegie Science Award, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

  Outstanding project in Intermediate Division
  - Won for "Pensieve: Analyzing the Genes that Affect Memory"
- 2017 1st Place, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Intermediate Biology Category

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- 2016 1st Place, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Intermediate Biology Category

- Won for "Brainwave: The Distraction Prevention Invention"
- 2015 National 3rd Place, Discovery 3M Young Scientist Challenge.

Selected as one of ten national finalists; won third place overall

- Won for "Brainwave: The Distraction Prevention Invention"
- 2015 Congratulated on the floor of the U.S. Congress, Congressman Keith Rothfus.
  - Recognized for "Brainwave: The Distraction Prevention Invention"

# Experience

## 2019 Hillman Academy Scholar, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Academy.

- Selected as one of 72 high-school students to attend the program
- Conducted research at the Neurogenomics lab with mentors Dr. Andreas Pfenning and Easwaran Ramamurthy
- o Conducted research into epigenetic blood biomarkers for Alzheimer's Disease
- Presented preliminary results at the end of the program

#### October 2018 Neurogenomics Lab, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

- Present Research Assistant
  - Work on high performance computing clusters
  - Conduct statistical analysis on genomic (RNA-seq) and epigenomic (ChIP-seq) data
  - Create complex visualizations using R and Python
  - o Code in R and Python, have experience with using AWS, SLURM clusters

## July 2018 - Heart Input Output, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.

- August 2018 Machine Learning and Data Science Intern
  - Researched the use of ML to predict coronary artery disease
  - Assisted with grant-writing (NSF SBIR)
  - Created website with integrated dashboard

# Projects & Awards

# 2017 - 2018 Computational Biology Approach to Identifying the Genetic Pathways that Impact Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Investigating potential connections between brain development and neurodegeneration.

#### Awards

- 1st Place at Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 7, Biology
- o 1st Place Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science States
- Pennsylvania State Finalist for the Biotechnology BioGENEius Challenge
- o 2nd Place, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Senior Biology category

# 2016 - 2017 Pensieve: Analyzing the Genes that Affect Memory.

Found a novel connection between the development of the hippocampus and Alzheimer's Disease. **Awards** 

- Carnegie Science Award, Intermediate Division
- 1st Place, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Intermediate Biology category
- o 1st Place, Perfect Score, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science States
- National Finalist at ProjectCSGirls competition
- National Broadcom MASTERS Semifinalist

#### 2015 - 2016 Brainwave: The Distraction Prevention Invention.

Created a wearable device that works with an EEG headset to provide alerts to a user when they get distracted, based on their brainwaves.

#### Awards

- 1st Place, Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Intermediate Engineering & Robotics category
- $\circ\,$  National 3rd Place in Discovery 3M Young Scientist Challenge
  - National Finalist in Discovery 3M Young Scientist Challenge
- o 1st Place, Invention Category, Pittsburgh Teen Media Awards

#### Media

- o These Prize-Winning Young Scientists Will Make You Feel Better About the Future, Fox & Friends
- Resume: A newsmaker you should know / 12-year-old Amulya Garimella is finalist for 'America's Top Young Scientist', Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- $\circ\,$  Young Achiever: Amulya Garimella, Trib Live

# Other Recognition

o Congratulated on floor of US Congress, Keith Rothfus

# Activities

2019 - FoxTales Quarterly, Fox Chapel Area High School.

Present Editorial Board Editor-in-Chief & Student Editor

- Wrote articles for quarterly student magazine
- Founded Editorial section and wrote opinion articles
- Wrote for other publications such as the local Shady Ave Magazine
- 2019 **VOTE Club**, Fox Chapel Area High School.

Present Club Co-Founder & Vice President

- Organized voter registration drives in school
- Spread awareness on how and why to vote
- 2018 STEM Symposium, Fox Chapel Area High School.

Present Head Student Organizer & Symposium Chair

- A pioneering high school bioinformatics conference, the STEM Symposium introduced the concepts of computational biology to high school students of all skill levels and interests
- Raised \$2,500 to fund the event for 2018-2019 with one sponsor, \$4750 for 2019-2020 with three sponsors
- In 2020, hosted 10 presenters from local universities and companies; and over 200 students from the Greater Pittsburgh Area, including students from underprivileged schools
- In 2020, gave \$3000 to 6 underprivileged school districts to cover costs of transportation and substitute teachers
- Created Symposium website and other outreach materials
- 2018 STEM Outreach Club, Fox Chapel Area High School.

Present Club Founder & President

- The STEM Outreach Club aims to blend volunteer work with STEM education, giving members the opportunity to both teach and learn
- Club provides STEM exposure to students in middle and elementary school by conducting hands-on workshops and educating students about STEM careers
- 2018 Women's Issues Today, Fox Chapel Area High School.

Present 2019: Vice President

- Stocked free feminine hygiene products in school restrooms
- Educated students on feminism and women's issues in the US and globally
- 2008 Tang Soo Do Karate College.

Present 2nd Degree Black Belt, 2017

o Practice traditional Korean martial arts (Tang Soo Do)

# Skills

# Programming.

HTML, JavaScript, NodeJS, C++, Ruby, Python, MATLAB, R, Creating websites from scratch

Presentation & Public Speaking.

Event Organization.