### Pritee Tembhekar

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#### **Education**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 

Cambridge, MA

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering GPA: 5.0/5.0

2014

Westwood High School

Austin. TX

Salutatorian, International Baccalaureate diploma recipient

2010

### **Work & Research Experience**

## Olsen Lab-Chemical Engineering Department, MIT

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate researcher Summer 2011-present

- Designed protein sequence predicted to form a polymer network (hydrogel)
- Utilizing molecular cloning to make and express desired gene
- Studying associative polymer chains through rheological data

# Edelman Lab-Harvard- MIT Health Science & Technology Center

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate researcher

Spring 2011

- Collected cell growth data from cell culture experiments
- Analyzed data to study the differentiation behaviors of human vascular progenitor cells

## **Applied Research Laboratories**

Austin, TX

Researcher in text classification lab

Summer 2010

- Implemented a web-based application for making e-mail labeling more efficient using JavaScript, HTML, Perl, and SQL
- Developed and tested 2 novel algorithms to modify input to existing text classifiers

# **University of Texas at Austin**

Austin, TX

Physics Department Intern

Summer 2009

- Evaluated crystal surfaces using atomic force microscopy for an atomic mirror project requiring extremely flat surface for manipulating atoms
- Presented work in a PowerPoint for 20 interns and 15 faculty members

Math tutor

Austin, TX

Tutored long and short term students in all levels from pre-algebra to calculus

2007-2010 Austin, TX

**Capstone Project: Statistical Study of Teen Health** 

2000

Independent Researcher

2009

- Constructed survey to study teen health, collected and analyzed over 300 surveys
- Compiled findings in report and presentation to educate students, teachers, and administrators

### **Leadership**

## **MIT Leadership Training Institute (LTI)**

Cambridge, MA

Final Projects Mentor, Internal Relations Chair

2010-present

- Taught LTI designed leadership curriculum to high school students in a 12-week session
- Facilitated student design and execution of sustainable community service projects

## MIT Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Cambridge, MA

Exec, current VP Corporate Relations, past Campus Relations, Professional Development chair

2010-present

 Designed professional development and corporate relations events by recruiting and negotiating with company representatives and MIT alumni

#### MIT mentoring programs: Baker Leaders and Associate Advising

Cambridge, MA 2010-present

Baker Leader, Associate Advisor

Collaborate with faculty member to advise incoming freshmen

• Created and participated in leadership development sessions for residents of Baker House

## **Skills**:

**Programming**: Java, HTML, Matlab

Lab: Molecular cloning, protein expression/purification, cell culture Imaging: NMR, DNA and protein gels

**Languages**: Spanish (4th year student), Marathi (fluent speaker)

**Honors:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Chemistry at Intel ISEF science fair, American Invitational Mathematics Competition, 2009 AP National Scholar Award, 2010 Senior Award in Math, Chemistry, and Physics