# Ben Kurian

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# **Education**

AP Courses: AP World History: Modern, AP Pre-Calculus

## **Olentangy Liberty High School**

Class of 2028 (Freshman)

# Skills

**Personal:** Hard worker, critical thinker, goal-oriented, and active listener and speaker **Software:** Google Suite, Office Suite, Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro, Blender, Affinity Photo,

Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, MuseScore, E-mail

Language: English (Primary), Spanish (Conversational)

# Leadership Activities

## Videography

- 2x placer in C-SPAN's StudentCam documentary competition, won total of \$5,500
- 3x placer in Population Education's World of 8 Billion edu-video competition, won total of \$1200
- Produce videos for school, church, and community
- Produce videos for my YouTube channel of 60+ subscribers

#### Teaching

- Teaching MuseScore (notation software) virtually to variety of students two years in a row
- Has contributed to 10+ volunteer hours

## **Library Volunteering**

- Active volunteer at Columbus Metropolitan Library: Karl Road Branch
- Has contributed to 4.5+ volunteer hours

# Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

- Fundraising for cancer research from January–March 2025
- Has contributed to 8+ volunteer hours

### Mind4Youth

- Served as a marketing intern for initiatives targeted towards the youth promoting mental health awareness
- Has contributed to 20 volunteer hours

# **Extracurricular Activities**

# **TEDxOlentangy Liberty Youth**

- Passed audition process in which five student speakers from the Olentangy district were selected, prepared and gave original speech
- Discussed coordination of our church's summer VBS and the importance of teamwork, creativity, and project building
- Will be giving my talk March 18, 2025

## Music

## Piano

- Played for 10+ years
- Compete at the National Piano Guild at the Preparatory B Level
- Accompany church services, play at nursing homes

### Violin

- Played for 6+ years
- Member of the Columbus Symphony Repertory Orchestra
- Member of the OMEA Regional and All-State Orchestras
- OMEA Superior rating through participation in the Olentangy Liberty Chamber Orchestra

#### Drums

• Played for 4+ years

## **Bass Guitar**

• Played for 2+ years

## Production

- Record and produce covers and compositions
- Currently 1 album on Spotify

## Composition

- 2x winner of Honorable Mention in National Guild Composition Contest
- Published and performed several piano and other compositions

### **HOSA**

- Competing in Health Education event
- Qualified for HOSA State Leadership Conference

### **Speech and Debate**

- Active member of OLHS' Lincoln-Douglas team
- Qualified for OSDA State tournament

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