

# ELA NUR NALBANTOGLU

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## EDUCATION

### The Koc School

Sep 2019 – Jun 2023

- Awarded with the Academic High Honors Award every year consecutively
- Enrolled in the **International Baccalaureate Program (IB)** with the Turkish National Diploma (MEB)
- **HL:** Psychology, Mathematics (AA), Economics; **SL:** Biology, English, Turkish Language and Literature
- **English Language and Literature Extended Essay:** How does Sylvia Plath, in her novel The Bell Jar, utilize authorial choices to portray a protagonist struggling with mental health and sense of self in an anti-feminist society?

## EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant, Bogazici University

Summer of 2022

- Contributed to the thesis study of PhD Student Ceyda Sinag about 'Dynamics of Trend-Setting Online'
- Interviewed American Gen Z consumers as a part of the research during the Columbia University Summer Immersion Program and connected visual cues' interpretations with social psychology theories

### Project Intern, Norm Consulting

August – September 2021

- Took part in the project "Technical Assistance for Migration and International Protection Matters: Promoting Public Awareness"
- Prepared the invitee lists, assisted in the design process of the invitations, stage, backdrops, and the agenda of the conference, and performed quality checks for the promotional materials

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

### Columbia University: Summer Immersion for High School Students

Summer of 2022

- Took "The Science of Psychology" course, did research on and learned about topics such as (but not limited to) Dehumanization, Empathy, and Neuroscience, which allowed me to learn about the aspects of psychology that are not covered by the IB Diploma
- Did a presentation on previous research into the relationship between discrimination and nicotine use (vaping), and conducted research on prejudice along with xenophobia

### Bocconi University: Summer's Cool for High School Students (Online)

Summer of 2021

- Took "European Union for Sustainable Globalization" and "Digital Marketing" labs/courses
- Learned more about international politics, economics, and globalization before starting the IB
- Did presentations to esteemed professors and students of the Bocconi University (EU for Sustainable Globalization) and presented ideas on improving marketing towards Gen-Z to Faber Castell Italy (Digital Marketing)

### Kadir Has University: Winter School for High School Students (Online)

Winter of 2021

- Took "Psychology in Life and as a Profession" and "Architecture and Design: Practices where Effective Living, Societal Responsibility, and Esthetics Meet" courses to define my interests
- Became a better writer and learned technical details about architecture and psychology
- Further developed my knowledge in architecture by making mask models using geometric shapes

### Sabancı University: Winter School for High School Students (Online)

Winter of 2021

- Took Sociology and Industrial Engineering courses to define my interests while improving my analysis and problem-solving skills
- Learned to be more perceptive when viewing the world and modern-day problems

### Koc University: High School Summer Academy (Online)

Summer of 2020

- Took "Psychology", "Economics", "Art Appreciation" and "Photography" courses and became aware of my interest in psychology and economics
- Took exams testing my knowledge, took various photos of abstract concepts, and wrote papers on works of art from various periods

## LEADERSHIP SKILLS

### Class President

Sep 2022 – Jun 2023

- Became an active communicator between my class and the school's administration office regarding topics such as social activities and exam schedules

### Knowledge-Exchange Endeavour: Psychology from High School and Beyond

Oct 2022

- Prepared an introduction to the discipline of psychology, its subdisciplines, its educational tracks and career prospects, and research conduction guidelines for peers interested in pursuing the subject
- Formatted, printed and distributed the research as flyers at my school to increase awareness of these key concepts

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(For details: Please visit [GitHub](#))

### Koc High School Psychology Club

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

Editor-in-Chief

### Boyut (Koç School Literature Magazine)

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

Writer

### Koc High School Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) Society

Sep 2021 – Ongoing

### TAWA (Koc School Newspaper)

Nov 2020 – Ongoing

Writer

### The World Scholar's Cup (WSC)

Nov 2017 – Ongoing

### Poem "Yarının Basamakları" Published in Sisli Terakki School's Poetry Competition Book

Jun 2021

### SGAN (School Musical): Dancer and vocalist

Sep 2019 – Mar 2020

### Middle School Choir

Sep 2016 – Sep 2018

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Member of Goodwill Ambassadors Club

Sep 2020 – Ongoing

- Formulated and organized money-raising activities in groups for children in a fight against education inequality in Turkey and provided for four children through our efforts
- Participated in marathons

### Member of Young Guru Academy (YGA)

Nov 2017 – Jan 2020

- Participated in various camps and initiatives to raise money for those who lack sufficient opportunities to receive equal education
- Came up with innovative ideas on improving the smart canes "WeWalk"
- Produced ideas and products to help spread science to people in Anatolia and Syrian immigrants
- Started a donation campaign and raised enough money to purchase 4-5 YGA "Science Sets", provided those sets to children in underprivileged areas who were unable to receive quality science education and gave virtual lessons on how to use those sets as part of the YGA Science Initiative in 2020

## SKILLS AND HOBBIES

- Language:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced – C1), German (Intermediate)
- Interests:** Singing, Writing, Debating, Piano ([ABRSM](#) Grade 2)