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EDUCATION

Senior Student | MEF Schools Ulus Anatolian High School

Sep 2021 – Current

Istanbul, Turkey

Anticipated Graduation: June 2025

Follow the Mathematics - Science concentration of the Turkish National Ministry of Education curriculum for high schools | Relevant Coursework: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Literature, German, History AP: Macroeconomics (3) | Distinctions: High Honors Certificate for above 85/100 GPA in grade 11, Honors Certificate for above 70/100 GPA in grades 9 and 10, multiple commendation certificates for honorable conduct voted by teachers and active participation in school events



ENTREPRENEURIAL PROJECTS

Self-Guided Project: Customer Satisfaction for Taxi Passengers in Istanbul

Feb 2024 - Ongoing

- Prepare a website tackling various issues about taxi services in Istanbul to lay a quality assurance foundation
- Plan to offer online education opportunities for taxi drivers on how to increase customer satisfaction, establish customer loyalty, and more
- Bought the "yolcudostutaksi" domain (meaning "passenger-friendly taxi") with plans to finish by June 2025 and expand operations further if funding is secured

Remixopolis '24 Jun 2024

- Created a brand, developed its website and made a presentation on its marketing tactics to a jury with my group
- Won the Remixopolis Brand Partner competition and was awarded by the Junior Achievement of Robert College



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Private Algorithm Course

Ongoing

- Learn about algorithms to understand "algorithmic thinking" or how to approach a topic or problem systematically to work out how best to understand or solve it
 - Study C and Python for coding projects, some of which will be presented in my GitHub soon

CATS Academy Boston: STEAM Summer Program

8 – 19 Jul 2024

- Created a robot which moves according to its sonic sensor; used techniques such as soldering to build the physical chassis and 3D printed the sensor
 - Learned how to use 3D printing programs such as Tinkercad, and how to write in block code and Python



EXPERIENCE

Intern | Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus

Jun - Jul 2023

Istanbul, Turkey

3-Week Front Office Internship Programme

- Did a paid internship at Conrad, a modern luxury hotel part of the Hilton chain to learn about ensuring customer satisfaction with hospitality and observing the workflow of a large hotel
- Moved to the front offices as a greeter for high-end clients and took charge of making Greek clients feel welcome by communicating in Greek in the Executive Lounge
- Joined a Forbes training on safety protocols with other workers, received "luxury" language training about sector jargon from other employees in Turkish and English, and joined the "Hilton Honors" training on hospitality



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

FIRST Robotics Competition Club at Ulus High School

2022 – Ongoing

- Learn to solve problems by seeking innovative engineering techniques and experience an engineer's workstyle by preparing a robot in the specifications of FRC competition criteria within 8 weeks, before the races
- Work with the 25-student team in the mechanical, electronic, coding, sponsorship negotiations, design areas of our robot creation projects and assist the social media account management team by taking frequent photographs of our processes
- Participated in the play-offs for FRC 2024 and became a finalist with the team at the FRC 2023 CHARGED UP Bosphorus Regionals on March 27-29, 2023; also participated in the FRC 2022 Rapid React Istanbul Regions on March 15-17, 2022

Private Darussafaka High School 3D Design Workshop and Competition

Apr - May 2024

- Did a biomimicry-related presentation of 3D printed pieces with a competition group
- Attended a tutorial by Siemens to learn the basic concepts of using the tools of Siemens Solid Edge

KIMFIBI Competition

Mar 2024

Represented my school in a physics competition involving solving questions and completing experiments

TUBITAK Chemistry Project

Nov 2023 - Mar 2024

Worked on efficiently composting the skin and other leavings of fruits for sustainable planting practices

Pre-High School Experiments

Pre-2021

• Used Audino hardware and software to build sensors for various projects



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Interact Club and Social Responsibility Projects at Ulus High School

2022 - Ongoing

- Regular volunteer for the Interact Club and the various social responsibility projects organized by the school
- Helped raise funds for the "Anadolu'da Bir Kızım Var" project organized by the Association for Supporting Contemporary Life aiming to financially support young female students living in rural Anatolia with difficulties attending school, for donations to LOSEV (Health and Education Foundations for Children with Leukemia) and help in the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake relief efforts
 - Donated and planted olive tree saplings for the <u>TEMA Foundation</u> to support sustainable living
- Participated in the "Real Love Doesn't Count Chromosomes" project in cooperation with the Sign Language Club and the school's Guidance and Psychological Assistance departments to assist <u>Sisli Down Café</u> workers' Concert and Cinema Event to promote awareness about and sensitivity towards the living circumstances of differently-abled people in society within the current and mostly inaccessible organization of public and private spaces
- Sold baked goods to raise funds for the Interact Club donations with the sponsorship of Karakoy Rotary



SKILLS AND HOBBIES

- Turkish (Native)
- Greek (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- German (Beginner)
- Microsoft Word & PowerPoint
- C
- Python
- TinkerCAD
- Siemens Solid Edge
- Football (Licensed player in the Ulus High School football team
- Basketball (Former licensed player in Tesvikiye basketball team, 2 years)