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EDUCATION

Izmir Private Tevfik Fikret High School

Senior Student

Sep 2021 – Ongoing [Anticipated Graduation: Jun 2026]

Izmir, Turkey

- Follow the Turkish High School Curriculum with the [LabelFrancÉducation certification](#)
- **Distinctions:** Received High Honor Certificates for high GPA in Grades 9 (88.15), 10 (91.33) & 11 (91.64)
- **100% Ministry of Education scholarship student** for the 2025-2026 academic year as a national athlete

EXPERIENCE

Yelgin Law & Consultancy Bureau

Intern, Part-Time

Jan 2025

Istanbul, Turkey

- Gained knowledge on international legal agreements and national lawsuits
- Accompanied visits to the courthouse to observe document drop-offs and retrieval procedures
- Learned about KVKK (Turkish Personal Data Protection Law) and the basics of how to read a file case

T.C. Seferihisar Municipality, Legal Affairs Directorate

Intern, Part-Time

July – Sept 2024

Izmir, Turkey

- Acquired insights into municipal operations and international organization collaborations

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

For more, please [visit my GitHub](#)

Knowledge Exchange: Bhutan's Gross National Happiness (GNH) Index Project

Aug 2025 – Ongoing

- Worked on an academic essay on Bhutan's innovative alternative to the gross domestic product index to quantify the nation's development stage and its ripple effects on the world's leading nations, such as the United Nations' development of the "World Happiness Report" and more
- Interviewed Channe Lindström Oğuzhan, a United Nations Social Affairs Officer with more than 20 years experience in advancing human rights & gender equality on how the UN works towards providing alternative outlooks to the gross domestic product index, inspired by Bhutan's Gross National Happiness (GNH) index, and specifically how they approach goals of approaching gender equality in that context as it is her expertise
- Plan to publish [the academic essay](#) and the interview, and make informative pamphlets with summaries

Guzelbahce Interact Club

President

2022 – 2025

- Started as the treasurer in 2022, promoted to Vice President in 2023, and later to President in 2024
- In 2022-2023, acted as the [District 2440](#) (İzmir, Bursa, Marmaris, Çanakkale, Denizli, Aydın, Manisa) Culture and Arts Committee President
- Led over 20 social, cultural, and educational projects, including cancer awareness seminars, humanitarian fundraisers, and international youth events as president; and directed multiple community service events including beach clean-ups, animal welfare initiatives, and educational seminars as vice president
- Was awarded "Rotarian of the Month" by the district governor for outstanding leadership and contribution in October 2023 while president
- Was awarded 1st place at the Interact Academy Committee and 3rd place at the Culture and Arts Committee for outstanding project leadership in June 2023, while vice president

DANCING ACTIVITIES

For more details, please [visit my GitHub](#)

Certifications: Ballet & Teaching

- Was awarded the [Proficient Degree](#) upon examination under the Methodological Program for Ballet Education in Private Ballet Schools with the Russian Vaganova Method by the New Bulgarian University **Jul 2024**

- Was awarded the right to become a [certified ballet instructor and to open a ballet school](#) by completing the official 1280-hour training program (ranging from beginner and professional level ballet techniques to the teaching of all these ballet techniques) organized by the Turkish National Ministry of Education **Dec 2021**

Select National & International Tournament Activities:

- **Dutch Para Dance Sport International Competition**, Amstelveen, Netherlands **Apr 2025**
 - Achieved 3rd place in the Combi Freestyle Class 2 category, earning a world ranking
- **Turkey Para Dance Sport Championship**, Izmir, Turkey **Apr 2025**
 - Achieved 1st place in the Combi Freestyle Class 2 category, becoming a national champion
- **European Para Dance Sport Championship**, Prague, Czech Republic **Nov 2024**
 - Achieved 3rd place in the Combi Freestyle Class 2 category while representing my country as a National Athlete and being the youngest competitor at the championship
 - Supported my teammates with physical disabilities and contributed to the team's performance

International Workshops & Training Activities:

- Attended GATE 8 (Modern Dance) Workshop as the youngest participant with a scholarship in January 2025, training with globally acknowledged dancers and forming international connections
- Attended InDance Livorno Modern Dance Workshop with a scholarship in July 2024, trained with top international instructors, and performed on international platforms

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

For more, please [visit my GitHub](#)

Private Algorithm Course

Jun 2025 – Ongoing

- Take an algorithm course by a university teacher on algorithmic thinking and the basics of programming with plans to learn about statistical analysis for social sciences

[Global Masterminds Olympiads](#) Project Team Member

Jan 2025

- Worked with my team to write the project report "[Innovative Transformation in Agriculture: The Role of UAV Technology in Frost Risk Management](#)" and ranked 5th worldwide

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Model United Nations (MUN)

2024 – Ongoing

- Acted as the Codirector-General at the IZMUNESCO'25; chose the members of each organisation committee and handled getting funding and sponsorships (May 2025)
- Wrote a study guide on international human rights and historical background considerations in the Gaza war for debate on equitable and sustainable solutions with sections on problem definition, relevant concepts such as law of arms, the historical standings of the United States, United Kingdom and Iran and a list of various actor organizations, for TMUN (February 2025) as the Human Rights Committee Undersecretary-General

Choreographer & Dancer for the Tevfik Fikret High School French Theatre Club

2024 – 2025

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

For more, please [visit my GitHub](#)

National Athlete in the Wheelchair Dance Project

2022 – Ongoing

- Participated in awareness-raising performances for children and collaborated with wheelchair-using dancers in various choreographies, promoting inclusivity and accessibility through dance, and was awarded the title of "National Athlete" by the Turkish DanceSport Federation, a member of the World DanceSport Federation

SKILLS AND HOBBIES

Language:	Turkish (Native), English (C1, IELTS Academic 7.5, Feb 2025), French (B2), Italian (A2)
Technical:	Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)