# RISHI **PEDDAKAMA**

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I am a High School Student with a passion to help others using technology and social networking. I have a skillset in Artificial Intelligence, Full-Stack development and entrepreneurship.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## MARCH 2020 - MAY 2021

# **CO-PRESIDENT, SHIELD OUR HEALTH HEROES (WEBSITE)**

3D-printed face shields and donated to local hospitals. Raised over \$1000 and was featured in <u>Union Tribune</u> and <u>ABC news</u>. I designed the website and marketed through various social media outlets including Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

# **APRIL 2020 - AUGUST 2021**

# **EXECUTIVE, ZIPLINE THEORY (WEBSITE)**

Taught Computer Science and Business to elementary school students. Improved both speaking and teaching skills and learned valuable marketing techniques.

## **APRIL 2020 - CURRENT**

## **VICE PRESIDENT, DEL NORTE HACKCLUB**

Created a computer science club with 30+ members. We teach python to our members and plan on doing outreach (in the form of creating websites for other clubs and school) and possibly hosting a hackathon.

# **OCTOBER 2021 – CURRENT**

# INTERN, VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE (VOSAP)

Part of VOSAP's first intern cohort. Work consisted of running social marketing campaigns for donations, events, and rebuilding the website/app.

#### **DECEMBER 2021 – CURRENT**

# **INTERN, EXERCISM**

Tech intern at one of the fastest growing beginner coding platforms. Helped develop content for numerous language tracks and an active member of the main development team.

#### **JANUARY 2022 - CURRENT**

## **RESEARCH INTERN, VIRGINIA TECH**

Interning at Dr. Bo Ji's lab. Research centered around reinforcement learning specializing in multi-armed bandit learning and its many applications to real world decision-making scenarios. Research will be published.

#### JANUARY 2022 - CURRENT

## **RESEARCH INTERN, MICHIGAN ST. UNIVERSITY**

Interning at Dr. Kevin J. Liu's lab. Research centered around gene genealogies, variation, evolution and their applications to artificial intelligence. Research will be published.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **2020 - CURRENT**

# **MULTIPLE HACKATHONS WINNER**

Won competitions in which a product had to made given a particular theme

#### **APRIL 2020 - CURRENT**

#### **COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING**

Solving google-interview-esc questions rooted in fundamental computer science concepts with an emphasis on data structures and efficient algorithms (many of which are mathematical). Developed strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

## Honors:

- USA Computing Olympiad Gold Division (Top 200 high school students in the country)
- American Computer Science League National Finalist
- Google Code-Jam 2x Qualifier
- Google Kickstart Placed in 85th percentile numerous times in the 2020 and 2021 season
- Facebook HackerCup 2x Qualifier

## **FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

# **SCRIPPS HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE** (YOUNG LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE)

Dr. Acardi recognized us for the contributions I made during the Shield Our Health Heroes campaign to Scripps Encinitas Hospitals staff during the pandemic.

## **PROJECTS**

# **NOVEMBER 2021 – CURRENT**

# **PERSONAL RESEARCH, (MENTORED BY UCSF PROFESSOR)**

Conducted research on convolutional neural nets and their applications to thyroid cancer (nodule) diagnosis from ultrasounds. A diagnostic approach different from the traditional, yet time consuming and invasive, fine needle aspirations. Paper is completed and soon to be published in formal journals and submitted to conferences/competitions. My inspiration came from seeing what my sister went through when she was diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer.

• First place at the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair for Computational Biology category

#### JUNE 2021 – AUGUST 2021

# COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING JUDGE (GITHUB, WEBSITE)

Built using React frontend, node backend (run with docker). Run on raspberry pi utilizing NGINX

#### **SKILLS**

- Artificial Intelligence / Data Science (Computer Vision and Deep Learning)
- Version Control (git, GitHub)
- Scientific Research

- Full-Stack, App Development, Deployment
- JS/TS, java, Python, C++
- Data Structures & Algorithms
- Marketing

#### **EDUCATION**

- Del Norte High School; 11<sup>th</sup> Grade; 3.96 unweighted gpa; 4.4 weighted gpa
- Completed 3 AP Classes (Chemistry, Calculus AB, European History); 5 on all AP tests
- Currently taking 4 AP Classes (Computer Science, Calculus BC, English Language and Composition, Physics C. Mechanics)