In high school I spent most of my time and efforts on Olympiad math, but I am also passionate about physics and chemistry. I like to carry out experiments, because they allow me to explore the real world. When I was 14, before I fully focused on Olympiad math, I won bronze at National Physics Olympiad, and took part in a national Young Physicists’ Tournament, which is a team competition in physics. I also took part in a summer science camp, where I participated in a team physics project: we used a wall paved with rectangular tiles as a Cartesian plane, and recorded our friends’ punches to compute the maximum speed of their movements. I was doing mathematical work for the project, and I really enjoyed doing math that had a concrete practical application.

I attended music school during my first eight grades of school, and it was an important part of my life. I was especially good at solfège since it is very logical. Thanks to chorus classes, I can sing well. Now I like to play piano and sing for myself.

One more thing I’d like to mention is my family hobby, kayaking river trips. I like these journeys out of civilization, where we enjoy untouched nature; we have been to many interesting wild places. We usually travel with our dog to have more fun together. I also like fishing, the skills and passion for which are transferred from generation to generation in our family.