# Nikhil Sardana

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### Education

# Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Computer Systems Research, 2014 - 2018 GPA: 4.44 (Weighted), 3.92 (Unweighted)

Post-AP Courses: Parallel Computing (C, MPI), Artificial Intelligence (Python) AP Exams: Physics C: M and EM, Computer Science A+, Biology, Chemistry,

BC Calculus, Statistics, U.S. History, Latin (All 5)

SAT: 1590, Essay: 8/8/8

SAT II: Chemistry, Math II: 800

# Experience

# Communications Engineering Branch, National Institutes of Health

Engineering Intern, June 2017 - August 2017

Project: Deep Learning Classification of Alzheimer's from fMRI Data An algorithm to diagnose Alzheimer's is cheaper, faster, and less invasive than current methods. Final results pending.

# Projects

# Automating Identification of Terrorist Recruitment on Social Media

Worked with friend to create algorithm to identify terrorist propaganda accounts. Used convolutional networks for flag and logo identification and SVMs for account classification. Presented research at Raytheon and NSA.

**Awards**: Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist, 2017 Siemens Competition Semifinalist, 2016

#### Team SegFault, MIT Battlecode

Worked in team of 4 in this month-long competition that combines battle strategy, software engineering, and AI. Wrote pathfinding, dodging, and communications algorithms in Java.

Awards: 5th Place | High School Division, 2017

### CrimeFighter

App for identifying and reporting crimes in real-time for faster response Worked in team of 4 to develop app during HackTJ 2017.

Awards: Grand Prize - HackTJ | BigParser Competition (\$650)

### TitrationGL - WebGL Titration Simulator

After seeing the outdated online titration lab in AP Chemistry, I decided to build a modernized, interactive, 3D WebGL-based titration simulator.

# Leadership TJHSST Machine Learning Club

Co-Founder and Captain, 2016 - 2018

Created lectures and presentations to teach other students the theory behind ML. Developed competitions to apply material to real-world datasets.

### TJHSST Chemistry Team

Webmaster, 2016 - 2018

Pioneered use of ChemDoodle 3D models to create interactive learning. Lectured on Computational Chemistry.

# Awards USA

# USA Biology Olympiad Semifinalist, 2015

Top 500 in United States

National Latin Exam Gold Medalist, 2014 - 2016 NJCL Etymology Exam Gold Medalist, 2017 AIME Qualifier, 2015 TJHSST Track and Cross Country, 2016 - Present

# Skills

# Programming/Scripting Languages

Proficient in Python, Java, HTML, CSS

Experienced in Javascript and C

#### **APIs and Frameworks**

Experience with OpenMP, OpenGL, WebGL, NodeJS

#### Machine Learning Libraries

Experience with PyTorch, Keras, and Tensorflow

#### Operating Systems

Experience with Windows, Mac OS, Ubuntu, CentOS, and Gentoo Linux

#### Other Software

Experience with Android Studio, Git, Blender, Microsoft Office, LATEX

### Websites

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activities.tjhsst.edu/chemteam