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## **EDUCATION**

- MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, Vermont, Bachelor of Arts, Physics, Economics. 2008 2012
- ROOTS COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL, Pakistan, Cambridge A-Levels. 2006 2007
- SAINT MARRY'S ACADEMY, Pakistan, Cambridge AS Level, O-Levels. 2004 2006

# **QUALIFICATIONS & TEST SCORES**

- *Middlebury College* GPA: 3.\* out of 4.0
- GRE *Scores*: Verbal 16\* (\*\*%), Quantitative 16\* (9\*%)
- SAT *Reasoning*: Verbal 600, Math 770, Writing 660
- SAT Subject Scores: Math II 800, Physics 800, Chemistry 800, Biology-M 800
- Cambridge A-Levels: 4 A's in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics
- *Cambridge O-Levels*: 7 A's in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Islamic Studies, Pakistan Studies, Urdu, and 1 B in English Language
- TOEFL (ibt): 109 out of 120

#### **SKILLS & EXPERTISE**

- Programming Skills: Java, JavaScript, Ruby, HTML, VBA, Python, PHP
- Software: UNIX, Mathematica, LabVIEW, Igor, Eclipse, AutoCAD, MS Excel, Stata, EViews, Minitab
- Language Skills:
  - Urdu: Native fluency in speaking, reading, and writing
  - Hindi: Native fluency in speaking
  - Arabic: Basic in speaking, proficient in reading and writing
  - Mandarin: Basic in speaking
  - Sanskrit: Basic in speaking

# **ACADEMIC HONORS**

- Member: American Physical Society, 2011 present
- Executive member: National Society for Professional Engineers, 2011 present
- Saba & Suhail Shaikh' 92 Scholar for 2010, 2011 and 2012, awarded to an international student at Middlebury College who shows outstanding academic and leadership potential
- Middlebury College Dean's Honor's List for Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- Middlebury College Scholar's List for Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011
- Middlebury College Interfaith Cooperation Award 2010-11, awarded by the Scott Center for Religious Affairs
- Only student in Pakistan in 2007 to score perfect SAT subject test scores in four sciences
- Roots College International full-tuition scholarship recipient for Cambridge A-Levels
- St. Mary's Academy full-tuition scholarship recipient for Cambridge AS-Levels
- Member of the preliminary team to represent Pakistan in the International Chemistry Olympiad 2006

#### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT

- The curious case of the SR830: Documenting and explaining the deviations of the SR830 lock-in amplifier from a Butterworth-filter based theoretical model, *for Physics Senior Thesis, Middlebury College, Spring 2012*
- Perceptions in the U.S. of Pakistan's socio-economic policies, at National Planning & Development Commission, Government of Pakistan, 2011
- Use of lock-in amplifiers in detecting weak photo-signals from large distances, for Experimental Physics, Independent Lab Project, Middlebury College, 2011
- Intelligent Crime Detection at Public Places at Image Processing Center, National University of Science and Technology, Pakistan, 2010
- In Trade We Trust: The correlation between trade liberalization and HIV prevalence in sub-Saharan Africa, with Anil Menon for Regression Analysis, Middlebury College, 2010
- Documenting Price Puzzle in Pakistan: Positive response of inflationary indexes to a positive monetary policy shock, at The State Bank of Pakistan, 2010

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- HBO INC. DIGITAL PRODUCTS, New York, NY, Technology Consultant, Jun. 2012 present
  - Analyzed the big data generated by HBO Go applications, using software called Splunk, to explore the correlation amongst various IT server performance metrics, leading to a 10% increase in the troubleshooting process of the web service.
  - Increased the interactivity of HBO's data analysis infrastructure by building two XML dashboards and developing a time-range-picker function.
  - Spearheaded HBO's research on Nginx servers to replace Apache for 30% faster response times and greater flexibility.
- \*\*DEPT. OF PHYSICS, Middlebury College, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2012
  - Assisted students of Electricity & Magnetism introductory course in clarifying complex concepts, understanding homework problems, and devising strategies for problem sets and exams.
  - Led weekly TA sessions, graded assignments, and managed student performance in the course.
- \*\*DEPT. OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, Middlebury College, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2012
  - Graded weekly theory and programming assignments of Python based Introductory Computer Science class.
  - Assisted the professor with grade management by maintaining an Excel database for grade assessment.
- ENERNOC INC., Boston, MA, Energy Efficiency Intern, Jan. Feb. 2012
  - Streamlined the data gathering processes by 65% by developing VBA macros for eight complex Excel functions including obtaining electrical consumption, per employee, from the EIA website.
  - Assisted project managers in deploying building management systems and installing network jacks and gateways at eleven commercial sites in Boston.
  - Worked with the hardware engineering team in the internal development of iLon S3 replacement device. Carried out a feasibility study of the product to estimate a 9% reduction in post-launch deployment costs.
- PLANNING COMMISSION, Government of Pakistan, Economic Consultant, Summer 2011
  - Researched on the perceptions of Pakistan's developmental policies amongst US think tanks and economists; 40-page report presented to the honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan and accepted for a peer-review.
  - Worked as a part of the 'Growth Strategy' team; researching, compiling and analyzing Pakistan's socio-economic data.
- BARCLAYS CAPITAL, Islamabad, Pakistan, Summer Analyst, Summer 2010
  - Conducted market research and prepared a comprehensive 20-page industry overview report on the telecom sector of Pakistan.

- NATIONAL UNIVERSTITY OF SCIENCE & TECH., Pakistan, Research Assistant, Summer 2010
  - Gathered and organized literature at the Image Processing Center on a thesis project titled "Intelligent Crime Detection at Public Places" studied image processing techniques for human recognition.
- STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN, Karachi, Pakistan, Research Analyst, Summer 2009
  - Conducted econometric research on the presence of 'Price Puzzle' in Pakistan a positive response of inflation to monetary tightening; presented findings to bank's acting governor during the State Bank's weekly scholar sessions.
- \*\*TEAGLE FOUNDATION, Middlebury College, Research Assistant, 2008 2010
  - Research Assistant for Prof. Kathleen Skubikowski on the project 'Navigating a Liberal Arts Education'. Organized and conducted interviews of liberal arts students in Middlebury and managed project database in coordination with six other liberal arts colleges.
- \*\*CENTER FOR TEACHING LEARNING & RESEARCH, Middlebury College, Office Manager, 2009 2012
  - Student manager of the primary educational support department at Middlebury College.
  - Managed student-tutor assignments, and served as the point person for students' academic help.
- \*\*TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA SERVICES, Middlebury College, Audio and Visual Specialist, 2009-2012
  - Supported students and professors with media related issues in smart classrooms.
  - Conducted and oversaw college media related events, such as weekly screenings, as a trained 35mm projectionist.
  - \*\* Represents on-campus jobs.

# **SCIENCE HONORS & ACTIVITIES**

- SAINT MARY'S ACADEMY SCIENCE FAIR, Roots College Team Representative, 2007
- GIK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR, School Team Leader, 2007
  - Worked on and developed a science project involving an engineered shoe which converted the locomotive energy while walking into electricity.
- NATIONAL CHEMISTRY TALENT CONTEST, Higher Education Commission Pakistan, 2006
  - Selected amongst the top 30 students from Pakistan to represent Pakistan in International Chemistry Olympiad.
  - Attended an intensive chemistry training camp at HEJ Research Institute of Chemistry, University of Karachi.

# **VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- CENTER FOR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP, Middlebury College, Cricket Instructor, 2012
  - Organized and led a 4-week winter term workshop for beginner and intermediate level.
- Al-SHIFA FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, Islamabad, Pakistan, Chairman Student's Wing, 2006 2009
  - Organized and managed a batch of eighty interns for an eight week social work internship at the 100-bed hospital.
  - Directed the marketing division of the institution's Ramadan fund-raiser campaign.
- INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION, Kashmir, Volunteer, 2007
  - Helped establish, managed and taught at a refugee school in Muzafarabad, Kashmir, in aftermaths of the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan.
- ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE, Pakistan, Intern, 2006
  - Prepared progress report for the 'Army Hospital Patient Satisfaction Program'.
  - Proposed and initiated the establishment of the Earthquake Victims Rehabilitation Initiative.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- President, Cricket Club Middlebury College, 2009 2012
- President, South Asian Student's Association, Middlebury College, 2010-11
- Co-President, Islamic Society of Middlebury College, 2010-11
- President, Middlebury Model United Nations, 2009-10
- Treasurer, Islamic Society of Middlebury College, 2011-12
- Treasurer, South Asian Student's Association, Middlebury College, 2009-10
- First Year Liaison, Islamic Society of Middlebury College, 2009-10
- Supervisor, Young Friends of Al-Shifa, Al-Shifa Trust Foundation Eye Hospital, 2007-08

## **ADDITIONAL INTERESTS**

• Teaching, kite flying, cricket, soccer, and EA Fifa gaming.