

## **What impact do you want to have on the world and why?**

When I was in sixth grade, my teacher asked all of us to put down on a piece of paper what we wanted to be when we grew up. I wrote *happy*.

Happiness is something that everyone in the world strives for, and I want to make the world a happier place. Lately, I've been interested in education. Education is so powerful because of its ability to lift people up; it makes people happier because it gives people a reason to believe in their childhood dreams. However, in 2017, UNESCO reported that only 45% of children aged 15-17 finish secondary school.

For me, high school was a given, and to an extent, college was too. For everything I have been blessed with, I believe that I have a certain responsibility to the world. I want to use my privilege for something that matters to others. My technology skills have the ability to do that.

I've tutored students for many years now. I've taught math, coding, 3D printing, drums, and dance. Over the summer, my friends and I worked on scaling our reach for coding education. We mentored over 160 people over the course of 3 months in coding bootcamps as a part of Enlight. And lately, for the past few months, I've been working on StudyBuddies, a way to connect students in a time of Zoom isolation. I'm not certain exactly how I will continue to make an impact just yet, but I know I will make the world a happier place.