

# VISHWAA SOFAT

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## EDUCATION

### Stuyvesant High School (New York, NY)

Sep 2016-Present

- *Stuyvesant Diploma* expected June 2020, Cumulative GPA: 3.7/4.0, ACT: 35
- Notable Coursework: AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Comparative Government & Politics, AP Computer Science, AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP United States History, AP United States Government & Politics, AP World History, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Topics Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Physics, Human Diseases, Software Development, and Western Political Thought

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Direct Health Access ([directhealthaccess.com](http://directhealthaccess.com)), Founder & CEO

Mar 2019-Present

- Founded a non-profit to increase healthcare accessibility amongst minority and immigrant communities
- Run educational campaigns and create informational materials in native languages of communities being targeted
- Organize health camps and insurance fairs alongside a team of healthcare professionals to bring healthcare services directly to communities

### Manhattan Community Board 1, Representative

May 2019-May 2020

- Serve as a member of the Youth & Education and Environmental Protection Committees
- Host informational forums on particular youth and education issues affecting the constituency
- Issue recommendations to the relevant governing agencies, elected officials, organizations
- Appointed as the only high school representative by the Manhattan Borough President and New York City Council

### U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional Intern (D.C. Office) for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY-12)

Jul 2019 – Aug 2019

- Answered constituent phone calls and emails and recorded constituent sentiment on policy issues
- Assembled materials and research for 9/11 Victims Compensation Act, Smithsonian Women's Museum Bill and Cyprus-Turkey conflict
- Attended and reported on Congressional meetings, committee hearings and markups, and briefings regarding legislative issues
- Composed memos and press releases for Legislative Staff regarding immigration, foreign affairs, labor, healthcare and education issues

### NYC Department of Education Chancellor's Student Advisory Council, Manhattan Representative

Sep 2019-Present

- Advocate on behalf of 1.1 million students in NYC public schools
- Work on increasing mental health resources, creating culturally responsive curriculum, and promoting equity alongside the Chancellor
- Hosted and moderated a virtual youth forum with 1000+ viewers on remote learning during COVID-19 with the Chancellor
- Selected as 1 of 30 students across NYC and 1 of 5 from the Manhattan Borough Student Advisory Council

### NYC Department of Education Manhattan Borough Student Advisory Council, Stuyvesant Representative

Sep 2018-Present

- Plan meetings to allow students and DOE officials to discuss systemic issues
- Implemented Professional Development courses at all Manhattan schools to foster better student-teacher relationships
- Selected as 1 of 30 students across Manhattan bringing light to students issues

### Congressional Youth Council for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY-12), Student Advisor

Sep 2018-Present

- Advise the Congresswoman on critical issues facing the community, especially youth in NYC
- Plan first Congressional Hackathon in New York

### Mt. Sinai Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, Student Intern under Dr. Samin Sharma

Jun 2018-Sep 2018

- Interacted with patients and their families during consultation visits as well as pre and post procedure
- Observed over 250 procedures treating various cardiac myopathies procedures and attended lectures at the Icahn School of Medicine

## LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

### Stuyvesant Student Union ([stuysu.org](http://stuysu.org)), Student Union President & School Leadership Team Student Representative

Oct 2016-Present

- Honored with Welling Award for Leadership for advocating on behalf of 3,300+ students
- Devise the Comprehensive Education Plan goals for the school and passed new cell phone and homework policies
- Create Civic Engagement and Financial Literacy courses, Sexual Harassment workshops, and a neighborhood student discount program
- Manage a team of over 70 students and a \$180,000+ budget
- Plan school-wide and grade-specific events such as SING! (student-run musical), dances, lectures, fundraisers and blood drives
- Charter over 200 clubs and designed a website, [StuyActivities.com](http://StuyActivities.com), that helps students find clubs of their interest

### Stuyvesant Model United Nations, Under Secretary General of Personnel

Sep 2016-Present

- Attended 24 conferences, won 19 awards, and only delegate from school selected for the All-American Model UN Team
- Train team of over 70 members for conferences and doubled awards won by team resulting in most successful year

### Stuyvesant Varsity Co-Ed Cricket Team, Captain

Feb 2016-Present

- Conduct practices and plan scrimmages; turned team from a win-less season to a 4-6 record as youngest captain in school history

## SKILLS & HONORS

*Computer Science:* Experienced in Microsoft Office Suite; Proficient in CSS, Flask, HTML, Java, Jinja, JS, Node, Python, and Scheme

*Languages:* Fluent in English, Hindi, Punjabi, and Spanish

*Honors:* AP Scholar with Honor, High School Fed Challenge Semifinalist, John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Yale Young Global Scholar