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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)

Start in Aug 2020

• Incoming first year with an intended double major in Computer Science (B.S.) and Political Science (B.A.)

Stuyvesant High School (New York, NY)

Sept 2016-June 2020

- Cumulative GPA: 3.7/4.0; ACT: 35; Awarded The Dr. Howard Wexler Scholarship by Alumni Association
- 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, Human Diseases, Software Development, Western Political Thought

WORK EXPERIENCE

Direct Health Access, Founder & CEO

Mar 2019-Present

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

NYC Department of Education Chancellor's Student Advisory Council (CSAC), Manhattan Representative

Sept 2019-Present

- Advocated on behalf of 1.1 million students in NYC public schools as 1 of 30 students across NYC
- Presented policy recommendations to increase mental health resources, create culturally responsive curriculum, and promote equity
- Hosted several events including a virtual youth forum with 1000+ viewers on remote learning during COVID-19 with the Chancellor

Stuyvesant x Google Mentorship Program, Software Development Mentee

Oct 2019-Jun 2020

- Developed an virtual study buddy AI program to help students target their academic weaknesses and better prepare for testing
- Worked with mentors at Google NYC to learn more about development, marketing, and AI

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

July 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

Manhattan Community Board (CB) 1, Appointed Official

May 2019-May 2020

- Issued recommendations to the relevant governing agencies, elected officials, and organizations
- Appointed as the only high school representative by the Manhattan Borough President and the New York City Councilmember

NYC Department of Education Manhattan Borough Student Advisory Council (MBSAC), Stuyvesant Representative

Sept 2018-Jun 2020

- Planned and attended meetings to allow students and DOE officials to discuss and address systemic inequities
- Created Professional Development courses to help foster better student-teacher relationships at all Manhattan schools
- Chosen as 1 of 30 students from Manhattan and selected as 1 of 5 students from to be on the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council

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

Sept 2018-Jun 2020

- Advised the Congresswoman on critical issues facing the community, especially faced by young New Yorkers
- Engaged in meetings with interest groups, community leaders, and other elected officials to learn about key issues and legislation

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

June 2018-Sept 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, Student Union President & School Leadership Team Student Representative

Sept 2016-Present

- Honored with Welling Award for Leadership for representing 3,300+ students, managing a team of 70+ students, and a \$180,000+ budget
- Devised the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals for the school and passed new cell phone and homework policies
- Created Civic Engagement and Financial Literacy courses, Sexual Harassment workshops, and a neighborhood student discount program
- Planned school-wide and grade-specific events such as SING! (student-run musical), dances, lectures, fundraisers, and blood drives
- Designed a website, StuyActivities.com, to serve as an after-school activities manager that helps students find clubs of their interest

Stuyvesant Model United Nations, Under Secretary General of Personnel

Sept 2016-June 2020

- · Attended 24 conferences, won 19 awards, and only delegate from school selected for the All-American Model UN Team
- Mentored team of over 70 members and doubled awards won by team at conferences

Stuyvesant Varsity Co-Ed Cricket Team, Captain

Sept 2016-June 2020

• Turned team from a win-less season to a 4-6 record as youngest captain in school history by coaching at practices and planning scrimmages

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programming: Languages - HTML/CSS, Java, JS, Python; Tools/Frameworks - D3.js, Express.js, Flask, Git, Jekyll, Jinja, MongoDB, Node.js, SQL Languages: Fluent in English, Hindi, Punjabi, and Spanish

Honors: AP Scholar with Honor, High School Fed Challenge Semifinalist (2019) and Honorable Mention (2020), John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Scholastic Silver Key for Poetry, Yale Young Global Scholar