

# Kevin Xiao

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## Education

**University of Washington** (Class of 2027)

**Bellevue High School (BHS)** (Class of 2023)

**GPA:** 4.0/4.0 (unweighted)

**SAT:** 1560 (Math: 800 | English: 760)

**AP Classes:** Calculus AB & BC, Computer Science, Statistics, Physics 1 & 2 & C, Language & Composition, Government, World History, Micro/Macro Economics, Biology

## Awards and Accomplishments

<b>Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science Admitted Student</b>	2023
<b>USACO (USA Computing Olympiad) Gold Division</b>	2022-Present
<b>AIME (American Invitational Mathematics Examination) Qualifier</b>	2021 & 2022
<b>AMC 10/12 (American Mathematics Competition) Distinction</b>	2021
<b>AP Scholar with Distinction</b>	2022-Present
<b>National Merit Commended Student</b>	2023
<b>Julie Kerr Memorial Math Prize</b> (Top 2 AMC scores in BHS)	2022
<b>Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes</b>	2019 & 2022
<b>Wolverine Guard</b> (100+ Volunteer Hours in 1 year at BHS)	2022 & 2023

## Work Experience and Volunteering

### **Pathway Foundation Mayoral Internship**

(Youth Organization for Civic Engagement, led by Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee)

*Digital Platform Project Lead* 2019-Present

*Tutoring Project Lead* 2022-Present

- Led a team of 6 other high school interns in the design, development, and maintenance of two large-scale websites ([www.pathwayus.org](http://www.pathwayus.org) and [www.tutoring.pathwayus.org](http://www.tutoring.pathwayus.org)) for the foundation
- Creates and maintains digital tools for other groups within the foundation
- Managed a free tutoring summer camp to fight educational inequality in summer 2022. Built a qualified tutoring team, designed curriculum, planned class schedules, reached out to students, and reported progress to students' parents. Helped 30+ underserved students in the Greater Seattle Area
- Tutored underserved students in various levels of math (prealgebra – AP Calculus)

### **Hui Lau Shan**

*Dessert Artist / Barista* 2023-Present

- Makes handmade Hong-Kong style fruit desserts
- Efficient communication with customers and coworkers
- Working under pressure and time constraints

### **BHS Civic Engagement Club**

*Club President* 2021-Present

- Connects high school peers civically to their communities
- Hosts discussions about American Creed and civic issues
- Coordinates community volunteering opportunities

## Projects

### **CipherBot**

2022

- Self-guided research project
- Open-source Discord bot written in Python that utilizes cryptographic algorithms
- Allows users to encrypt/decrypt messages with Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange and Public Key Encryption
- Emulation of mix-networks and homomorphic encryption for secure voting, a crucial part of modern political integrity
- Usage of many APIs such as Discord and coinmarketcap
- Project description: [xckev.github.io/CipherBot](https://xckev.github.io/CipherBot)
- Github Repository: <https://github.com/xckev/CipherBot>

### **SeamCarver**

2021

- BHS Special Topics in Computer Science course project
- A content-aware image resizing technique to keep the most important visual information preserved while adjusting image dimensions
- Usage of Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm to delete the least important horizontal/vertical seam of an image, calculated by assigning each pixel an importance value called "energy" that takes into account differences in RGB values

### **Rush Hour**

2021

- BHS Special Topics in Computer Science course project
- An Artificial Intelligence solver for the classic "Rush Hour" kid's car parking game
- Implementation of an A\* algorithm using priority queues to find the next-best moves to achieving the winning game board in the least number of moves

### **WordNet**

2021

- BHS Special Topics in Computer Science course project
- A semantic lexicon for the English language that groups words into sets of synonyms, returning words that are most related to each other
- Usage of rooted directed acyclic graphs and graph algorithms such as DFS and BFS to group words based on synonym and hyponym relationships

## Extracurricular Activities

AAU Basketball

2013-Present

High School Basketball Team

2019-2021

Violin Soloist and Section Leader for Bellevue Chamber Orchestra

2016-Present

Math Club and Programming Club Member

2019-Present