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Family – Art – Community

Excellence focused individual with a caring heart

Education

Middle School

2021- Present

Nashoba Brooks School, Concord

Attending middle school at Nashoba Brooks School. Excelled and received A-grades in all subjects during my first year at Nashoba given my transition from Gates Elementary School, Acton. Received Cum-Laude honor at National Latin exam during my first year of learning Latin at Nashoba. Participated in Math Counts on invitation from Math teacher. Actively participated in soccer and tennis teams during varsity matches. Serving as a Student Ambassador and a member of the Diversity Council.

Elementary School

Sept.2019-June 2021

Gates Elementary School, Acton

Graduate of Gates Elementary School in Acton. Always received A grades in my elementary school and in 2020-21 MCAS math exams, received 553/560, exceeding expectations and 525/560 ELA. Contributed several articles at Gates School newsletter during the Covid-19 pandemic, encouraging students on how to deal with remote school. Participated in Spelling Bee contest at school. Actively participated and represented my heritage during multi-cultural nights and related events at school.

Mathematics

2016 – Present

Russian School of Mathematics, Wellesley & Acton

Have been attending Russian School of Mathematics since third grade. Currently learning Geometry and Algebra I and II at the school. RSM has helped me develop my abstract thinking and spatial reasoning skills and has helped me to challenge myself beyond my regular school curriculum.

Languages

- Fluency in understanding Urdu, partial speaking ability as well
- Intermediate fluency in understanding and speaking Spanish
- Cum Laude honor for National Latin Exam 2021-22
- Basic fluency in Arabic reading
- Teacher assistant for Fun World Academy Spanish Summer Camp July 2022, Westford, MA
- Basic level proficiency in Python computer language, Penguin Coding School, Acton

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Art, Animation, Drama & Music

- Winner of the *Smores and More Contest* at Nashoba Brooks School, January 13, 2023. There were 62 entries from across the school and top three winners were chosen by voting.
- Performed piano as opening acts for two concerts at the Summer Concert Series at Nashoba Brooks School, July 2022
- Created official artwork that was presented to the Denault family for their donation toward the construction of the Denault Library Courtyard at Nashoba Brooks School
- Designed and created original welcome cards for Acton Boxborough United Way welcome bags
- Participated in and received certificate for 'Doodle for Google' 2021 - Self Care'
- Participated in Nashoba Brooks play 'How to Eat like a Child', in collaboration with 3rd grade-2021
- Participated in 'Dancing through the Decades', History and P.E class collaboration at Nashoba Brooks School, 2021

Clubs, Community Involvement & Service

- Regular participant of Project Bread in Boston MA, 2017- current
- Volunteer at Acton Memorial Library, 2022 - current
- Member, Youth in Philanthropy, 2021- present. Created reports on nonprofit procedures and funds allocation
- Member of the Student Diversity Club at Nashoba Brooks School
- Student Ambassador for Nashoba Brooks School
- Student volunteer at Acton Boxborough United Way. Help with clerical work and event organization
- Designed and created a scarecrow with AB United Way for National Mental Health Month
- Served as a student artist at Acton Boxborough United Way's Born Learning Trail painting project, September 2022
- Member of the Student United (SU) at Acton Boxborough United Way. Brainstorming ideas for fundraising throughout the year, and ensuring those ideas are implemented
- Offered services at mid-term election polling station, giving out flyers to voters to gather information from the community about important topics of interest to community members.
- Read the Declaration of Independence and excerpts from the biography of Frederick Douglas at Robbins House, Concord MA- July 4, 2022
- Scheduled to present a Climate Action Plan, as seen through a student's perspective, in front of the board of selectmen in Acton, MA, via Energize Acton, a non-profit organization
- Member of the All Girls MABLE SWEE Engineering Club of Acton, Boxborough and Littleton. The club meets every six weeks and designs projects and does experiments around robotics, architecture and technology in order to understand the why and the process leading up to the results and solutions.

Leadership, Interests and Awards

- Elected Student Representative for 8th grade, January-June 2023. Some responsibilities include making announcements, planning events and fundraisers, leading Monday Morning Meetings and the middle school.
- Created and submitted a documentary for C-SPAN's StudentCam Competition, on the effects of Climate Change and the environment. Inspiration from www.greenmuslim.org and www.mayasideas.com
- Designed greeting cards, created a website and uploaded images of those cards to fundraise for the victims of the recent floods in Pakistan. To date I have raised \$1900 (9/5/22- 10/15/22). <https://sites.google.com/view/fundraising-for-pk-flood/support>
- Member of the graphic design team for the school yearbook at Nashoba Brooks School 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- Student Ambassador: serving on Nashoba Brooks School's admission committee as student ambassador, meeting and guiding potential families through the school, answering questions and giving pertinent information to potential students and their parents
- Member of the Student Diversity Group at Nashoba Brooks School. Engaging in positive, constructive and uplifting conversations, deepening the understanding of diversity and our differences, watching educational videos to embody the concept of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the student body
- Creating a business plan for a clothing line, offering sustainable and ethically sourced materials, to make modest outfits that are conveniently priced and earth friendly, while rivaling expensive brand names
- Model UN Summer Institute for Global Leadership - Human Rights - Harvard Business School - June 2022. Best Position Paper Award - Protecting the rights of refugees in Turkey
- Model UN Summer Institute of Global Leadership - Climate Change - Harvard Business School. Successful Position Paper (3/4) - Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050
- Model UN Summer Institute for Global Leadership - Advanced Public Speaking Program - August 2022. Position Paper - Food Insecurity in Brazil
- Lead the All-School Assembly in October 2022, Nashoba Brooks School.

Sports

- Squash, Equinox Club in Boston
- Yoga and Strength and Conditioning classes since 2021
- Tennis, USTA Nike Camp at Concord Academy, June- July 2022
- Tennis, member of Nashoba Brooks Varsity Team - 2022-2023
- Soccer, Member of Nashoba Brooks Varsity Team - 2021-2022
- Enjoy playing Badminton with my family and friends