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EDUCATION

- Dubai American Academy, Dubai, UAE; Cumulative GPA - 3.85
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma Grade 11 and 12 **2023 - 2025**
 - Higher Levels - Math AA, Economics, English
 - Standard Levels – Psychology, Computer Science, Spanish
 - American High School System with APs (Grade 9 and 10) **2021 - 2023**

STANDARDISED TESTS, IB, APs

- SAT score - 1500 (Math 790 and English 710) **August 2024**
- AP Human Geography 5 on 5 **May 2023**
- IB Final Score in May 2025 **May 2025**

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1st in school and 17th in the UAE in American Maths Competition (AMC) **2024**
- High Honour Roll across all semesters after the first semester of high school **2022 - 2024**
- Honour Roll In first semester of high school. **2021**
- University of Waterloo Fermat Math Exam - Certificate of Participation **2023**
- Harvard International Economics Essay Contest - Certificate of Participation **2023**
- GRC Social Essay Competition - Certificate of Participation **2023**

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

- **Founder of the Psychology Club** **2024 to date**
Started a club for students to foster a deeper understanding of human behaviour, cognitive processes, and student mental health issues through discussions and hands-on activities.
- **Co-President of the Investment & Finance Club** **2023 to date**
Co-President of a student-led group that helped understand money management and strategies on investment portfolios, through online seminars, expert guest speakers, innovative panel discussions such as impact of human behaviour on financial decision making.
- **Founder of the Chess Club** **2023 to date**
Initiated a chess club at school to foster strategic thinking and problem-solving through chess. Organized workshops such as 'Openings and Advancement, invited speakers for discussion such as decision-making behaviour for chess.

WORK EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

- **Majama, Ice-cream Company, Dubai, UAE (part time job)** **Summer Job (2021-2024)**
Worked part time, gained invaluable entrepreneurship experience at start-up ice cream company Majama. Rotated across departments from research, data management, product development, marketing, designing operations and service systems, automating inventory tracking systems, undertaking service and quality audits, and supporting communications and social media management.
- **The Rebirth Story, Sustainable Handicraft Company, Mumbai, India** **Feb 2021 to date**
As co-founder, set up eco-friendly social business venture, recycling left-over fabric from tailor shops to build creative products like coasters, mugs, and home decoration. Helped create jobs for underprivileged women, empowering them financially and socially. Fostered growth and innovation, strengthened digital presence, and expanded distribution.
- **BNG MEA- (Brand New Galaxy - Stagwell Global) Dubai, UAE (Intern)** **July 2024**
Interned at BNG MEA, a leading multinational media agency part of the global Stagwell Global Network (NASDAQ: STGW). Conducted independent research for the client Zurich Life Insurance Services Middle East, to understand changing consumer dynamics, identify consumer risk profiles, and assess decision-making process in choice of insurance plans. Also undertook a competitive analysis of key industry players, analysing their media and communication strategies, which influenced consumer's decision-making process.
- **Emirates Airline, Consumer Service Audit Department (CASA) , Dubai, UAE (Intern)** **August 2023**
Interned at CASA, the department responsible for audits of in-flight services for one of the largest airlines and hospitality sector companies, contributing to the enhancement of customer experience. Analysed customer survey data to identify customer's thoughts, perceptions, and satisfaction levels. Assisted in the development of a service quality benchmark report.

- Sanofi, Pharmaceutical Dubai, UAE (Intern)** **February 2022**
 Shadowed the marketing team of development of strategies of their products across UAE. Gained insights into clinical trials, supply chain management and communication plans. including public opinions on new vaccines, risk-reward perceptions, vaccine hesitancy, and key factors people considered in decision-making for new medicine.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING

- Heroes of Hope, Dubai, UAE** **2023 to date**
 Official Coach/Mentor (2022 - Present): Coached basketball weekly, mentored over 30 children of determination each session. Trained the children to build sports skills to enhance confidence, self-esteem, independence, and improve physical and mental health. Fostered social skill development by promoting teamwork and collaboration.

Women Education Empowerment Society (WEE), Bhopal, India **2022-2023**

- Conducted online computer classes to teach essential computer skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) to girls from underprivileged backgrounds. Educated young girls about the potential benefits of using social media in promoting their business of handmade products. Organized an online handicrafts marketplace to raise funds for the organization.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Basketball

- Al Nasr Academy (Professional): Played professionally **2023 - 2024**
- BAA Club -Part of the Basketball Above All, representing Dubai in state level competitions. **2021 - 2024**
- Varsity Basketball: Co-captain; led the team to the semi-finals of the inter-school international championship in Doha, Qatar. **2023 - 2024**
- Junior Varsity Basketball Team member, achieving second place in the league. **2022 - 2023**
Represented school internationally in Doha, Qatar.
- Attended advanced basketball clinics led by international coaches.

Drumming **2011 to date**

- Graduated from Grade 8 Diploma, Trinity College London
- Over 11 years of experience, performing at school events, plays, volunteering at community events, and participating in school competitions
- Collaborated with local artists to record percussion for music projects.

Scuba Diving **2018 to date**

- Licensed Junior Scuba Diver at age 11 and Advanced at 13 with over 40 dives across Asia, Africa, and the Europe.
- Certified Rescue Diver and first aid responder at age 16, trained in emergency response and rescue scenarios.
- Participated in marine conservation dives, working with NPOs on clean-up projects.

COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Machine Learning Algorithms, AI Scholars Program, AI Inspirit** **2022**
 - Worked with Stanford, Harvard, and MIT alumni to learn fundamentals of machine learning algorithms.
 - Developed models that can be used to analyse a variety of data in psychology research and other experimental settings.
- Game Theory Course, Stanford University, Coursera** **2024**
 - Gained understanding of mathematical modelling of strategic interactions in competitive environments.
 - Studied Bayesian games, extensive form, and repeated games under instructors from Stanford University and the University of British Columbia.
- Logic Course, Stanford University, Coursera** **2024**
 - Completed an introduction to symbolic logic with applications in computational problem-solving.
 - Learned to encode complex information and apply logic technology in real-world scenarios.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Microsoft – Excel, Word & PowerPoint
- Proficient in Java, Python

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Music, Basketball, Diving, Journaling, Travel, Drumming, Day Trading.