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Objective: Full-time/part-time internship in the summer of 2016

Area of interest: India-Pakistan relations

EDUCATION & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

University of California, Berkeley- California, USA August'15-Present

- Bachelor of Arts
- Political Science Major with Minors in History and Human Rights
- GPA: 3.85/4
- Related Coursework: Introduction to International Relations (Political Science 5), Introduction to Development Studies (Development Studies C10), History of the Middle East (History 12)

La Martiniere for Girls– Kolkata, India

Class XI and XII April '13-April'15

- Obtained 97.75% in Indian School Certificate (I.S.C.) Examination April'15
Subjects – English, Hindi, Mathematics, History, Political Science, Economics
- Awarded the Ms. S. Chatterjee Prize for History for attaining the highest scores in history April'15
- Awarded Certificate of Merit for Proficiency in History, Economics, Political Science and Hindi April'14
- Ranked in the top 10 percentile April'13-April'15

Class IX and X April'11-March'13

- Obtained 93.2% in Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (I.C.S.E.) Examination March'13
- Awarded Certificate of Merit for proficiency in Hindi, English and Economic Applications April'13
- 1 of 4 to receive Silver Medal from Shree Agrasen Smriti Bhavan (Marwari Samaj) for meritorious performance in I.C.S.E Examination June'13
- Ranked in the top 10 percentile April'12-April'13

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Model United Nations (MUN)

- Active member of Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN)
- Elected Vice Chair of the Joint Crisis Committee on the Cold War; conducted research workshops and simulations for high school students in order to teach MUN procedure and educate opinion on current events
- Elected Secretary of MUN Society at La Martiniere For Girls April'14-April'15
- Initiated and conducted research and extempore skills workshops, involving delegations from schools not having MUN teams. These workshops showed students the dynamics of MUN committees and gave them firsthand experience on how to lobby and draft resolutions. Consequently 2 new schools have begun participating in local MUN Conferences rather than attending as observers April'14-October'15

- Conducted and participated in interactive sessions with senior and experienced MUN-ers from universities in the USA such as Georgetown University with the help of MUN Café, an independent MUN organization August'14
- Elected Deputy Secretary General of La Martiniere Model United Nations May'14
- Initiated outreach programs that led to the hosting of over 50 national and international schools at LMCMUN'14; delegate capacity at LMCMUN'14 was over 500 students, a substantial increase from that of LMCMUN'12 and LMCMUN'13
- Elected Chairperson of 'Confederacy Of Revolutionaries' at LMCMUN'14
- This committee required delegates to forge a different perspective on the War on Terror. This committee has never been simulated before at any MUN Conference across India. Pertinent to current affairs in light of recent developments in Iraq and Syria
- Elected Central Board member for Indian International Model United Nation by national MUN committee for IIMUN's largest international conference; working in close collaboration with Ivy League Model United Nations Conference November'14

Other leadership roles and extracurricular achievements

- Active member of UC Berkeley Chapter of Plan International August'15-Present
- Conducted and participated in awareness campaigns and fundraising events which raised over \$1,000 for the international NGO Plan International
- Editor In Chief of the Annual Magazine of the Nature Club April'14-April'15
- Created a new section to showcase handicrafts donated by non-governmental organizations such as PUBLIC and Mother's Heart in order to raise funds
- Engaged in research on the environmental policies of the Indian government and environmental degradation in India
- Nominated Editor of English Department of annual School Magazine, comprising 10 students; solicited articles from classes XI-XII April'14- April'15
- Honed writing and editing skills; regularly contributed to production and editing of articles submitted by students

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer at Disha Foundation, a school for underprivileged children in Calcutta June'14-August'15
- Extensive involvement in English and elementary Mathematics classes, taking weekly lessons for children with disabilities and weaknesses in specific concepts of Mathematics and English
- Initiated numerous workshops on environmental awareness and history of India; consistently emphasized on media sources as a vehicle of education