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## Education

*Lowell Community Charter Public School, 2012-2020*

*Stony Brook Middle School, 2020-2021*

*Westford Academy, 2021-present*

**GPA:** 4.1351, weighted

**Coursework:** AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP English Literature and Composition, AP French Language and Culture, AP United States History

**AP Exams:** 5 on AP Chemistry, 5 on AP US History (other scores pending)

## Honors and Awards

- Journalism Education Association (JEA) National Media Contest Honorable Mention in Feature Writing (2022) and Editorial Writing (2023)
- New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) Journalism Award: Special Achievement in Feature Writing, 2023, 2024
- Best NESPA online high school publication winner in 2023, 2024, grades 10-11
- Historical research paper on patent medicines published in the Westford Academy History Journal in 2024
- HOSA [Health Occupations Students of America] First place - State award in Cultural Diversity and Disparities in Healthcare and qualified for International Leadership Conference, 2023
- Academic Achievement Award, 2021, 2022, 2023
- National French Exam Gold Medal, 2022
- National French Honors Society, 2023 - present

## Extracurricular Activities

- ***Editor-in-Chief of Westford Academy Ghostwriter (school newspaper)***
  - Editor-in-Chief (2023, 2024), Features Editor (2022), Staff Writer (2021)
  - Edit 70+ articles/year
  - Create and present on journalism principles to staff in class and during club meetings
  - Teach staff-members and offer one-on-one guidance on interviewing, collecting information, writing, and editing
  - Interview people in the community and write articles, covering town budget, student features, school policy, and sports games
    - Extensively covered town budget crisis with Editorial Board: attended school committee meetings, wrote news stories, created digestible social media graphics
    - Took professional photos for and/or covered live 15+ sports games
  - Manage and design in 20 to 30 page print editions once/year
  - Created and edited 100+ posts for WA Graduates Instagram account, recognizing senior commitments to college (Ghostwriter affiliated)
- ***Westford Academy Historical Society/Museum Club, 2021 - present:***

- Social Media Manager, **Summer Intern**
- Summer Intern/Volunteer (2024), 74+ hours
- Worked with museum director to host museum events, research and plan a mil exhibit, write biographies, and a description featured on the Annual Town Report.
- Initiated podcast series: Wild Women of Westford to spotlight historical Westford women
- Regularly volunteer at town events and help third-graders learn more about the town's history through Native American artifacts
- ***Bedford Veterans Affair Hospital (Summer 2022)***
  - 64 hours
  - Volunteered with Kitchen Staff, helped prepare meals and date items
  - Learned about veteran mental health with a researching staff member at the hospital
- ***Ghosts & Goblins (WA Volunteering)***
  - Worked with children at Robsinson school virtually after school with fun activities and games
  - 20 hours
- ***Westford Academy South Asian Student Association (SASA) - 2023 - present***
  - Secretary (2023), Vice President (2024-present)
  - Host school-wide DARBA (Diwali + Garba) event with co-cabinet members, 400+ Attendees
    - Featured on CBS-WBZ news:
   
<https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/video/students-at-massachusetts-school-celebrate-culture-and-community-with-darba-event/>
  - Plan and help lead regular club meetings
    - Incorporate different aspects of culture, such as language, food, and traditions, to create learning activities
  - Host roundtable discussions on issues relevant to the South Asian community
  - Raise money to donate to South Asian charities and the Westford Rotary
- ***Cultural Nepal Kids, Acton TV,***
  - Youth Ambassador
  - Work with the director of the program and other Nepali youth to create videos at ActonTV that share Nepali culture
  - Videos include recipes for Nepali dishes and Nepali fun-fact trivia