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EDUCATION:

Class of 2017, Bergen County Academies, Academy for Medical Science and Technology, New Jersey

- Currently a senior, cumulative GPA: 3.913 through the 11th grade.
- Finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Completed thirteen medical and science elective classes, against the required four for graduation.
- Senior-year classes: IB English (Higher Level), IB French (Higher Level), AP Biology, AP Physics C (calculus-based), AP Statistics, and electives Acting Methods, Organic Chemistry II, and Quantum Mechanics
- In freshman year, started an ongoing **research project** in neuroscience in BCA's Cell Biology Lab. Made the following submissions to numerous competitions:
 - o 2013-15: "miRNA-Induced Overexpression of EAAT2 in Astrocytes: A Cleanup Mechanism For Glutamate Excitotoxicity"
 - o 2015-16: "Exosomal microRNA-124a: A Novel Therapy for Reactive Astrogliosis in Neurodegeneration"
 - o 2016-17: "Exosomal microRNA-124a: Novel Translational Astrocyte Repair in Reactive Astrogliosis In vitro"
 - Selected as school ambassador to make formal, on-stage research presentations to visiting foreign student delegations from South Korea and Japan (March 2015, October 2015, and March 2016).
- Trumpet and piccolo trumpet player in BCA's Brass Ensemble.
- Contributing Features Editor for school scientific publication, "Academy Scientific".
- President of BCA's 2015-16 Science Olympiad Chapter. Also Co-Founder and Captain of the BCA's Biology Team (2015-2017). Initiatives include designing lessons, grooming and leading fellow students for competition in the USA Biology Olympiad, Toronto National Biology Competition, and Science Olympiad (15-40 students per team).
- Licensed New Jersey EMT as of September 23, 2016.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES: PSAT: 1490/1520 (NM Finalist); **SAT I:** 2360/2400; **SAT II: Biology**: 790/800, **Chemistry**: 800/800, **Math II**: 800/800; **AP Calculus BC**: 5/5 (**AB sub-score**: 5/5), **AP Chemistry**: 5/5

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Research Intern at **Hackensack University Medical Center**, **Center for Abnormal Placentation Research**, Hackensack, NJ (Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the 2016-17 academic year).
- Volunteer **Emergency Medical Technician** at New Milford Ambulance Corps. Also active member of school's **Medical Emergency Response Team**.
- Volunteer math tutor at **YMath**, Hackensack, NJ.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- Winner of the "North Jersey State Spelling Bee" and contestant in "2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee", Washington DC. Ranked 43rd among 280 contestants representing 12 nations.
- Research Awards:
 - o Winner (1st place) of the 2017 Regeneron (formerly Intel) Science Talent Search.
 - o Top 15 National Finalist in 2016-17 American Academy of Neurology Research Competition.
 - o 1st Place in Cell and Molecular Biology at the 2016 New Jersey Academy of Sciences.
 - o 2nd Place Poster Presentation at 2016 Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.
 - o Honorable Mention in 2015 and 2016 North Jersey Regional Science Fairs.
- Winner (1st Place) of 2016 Science Olympiad Regional Tournament in Protein Modeling.
- Finalist (4th Place) in 2015 Science Olympiad Regional Tournament in **Anatomy & Physiology**.
- Finalist (5th Place) in 2016 Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament in Cell Biology.
- "USA Biology Olympiad Semifinalist" (2015).
- National Finalist (5th place) in HOSA Biotechnology in both 2014 and 2015.
- Finalist in the "National French Contest": 2014 bronze (level II), 2015 silver medalist (level III).
- Inducted into BCA's Chapter of "National Honor Society" (2015) and "French Honor Society" (2015).
- Recognized with a special **Letter of Commendation** (November 2015) from our Principal, for voluntarily maintaining the upkeep of the Cell Biology Lab and mentoring younger students in the absence of lab's research assistant.