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Summary

Education	Eastlake High School GPA: 4.0 Expected graduation – Spring 2028	Sammamish, WA 2024 – Present
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Professional Experience	RemitBridge Labs <i>Founder</i>	Seattle, WA <i>August 2026 - Present</i>
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- Founded a research organization studying the hidden costs of sending money abroad; independent and non-revenue, with no ads or affiliate funding.
- Conducting independent research comparing blockchain scaling designs (sharding, sidechains, payment channels) for low-value remittances, including a private-network simulation and a proposed link to SWIFT/RTGS systems; preparing the paper for submission to [journal or venue].
- Published 30+ blog posts on remittance costs, exchange-rate markups, and blockchain payment infrastructure.
- Developed the organization's website (remitbridgelabs.org), hosting research, blog posts, and free cost-comparison tools.
- Designed and directed development of a free iOS/Android app that compares transfer providers by amount received, with a privacy-first receipt scanner (97.8% accuracy), a validated live pricing pipeline, and a WhatsApp bot for users without the app; working on securing implementation in international non-profits focused on similar goal
- Secured official API access from Wise and reached out to 9 Seattle-area immigrant-serving organizations about partnerships.

Project Refill

Founder - Director of Finance & Logistics

Sammamish, WA

September 2025 - Present

- Co-founded a student-led nonprofit addressing food insecurity in the Greater Seattle Area through farm partnerships and sustainable agriculture, building a food supply that doesn't depend on a single program or season.
- Partnered with Food Bank Farms (Chinook Farms, Snohomish) to restore a storm-damaged greenhouse, enabling year-round produce growth with a projected yield of 30,000 lbs of fresh food annually, all donated to Food Bank Farms.
- Led 34 volunteers across three workdays in January 2026, contributing 174 service hours to dismantle, relocate, re-insulate, and re-cover the greenhouse frame.
- Organized a community food drive that collected 843 items (about \$4,160 in food value, 69% over goal) for the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, and raised \$1,842 through various fundraising efforts.
- Designed and managed projectrefill.org, overseeing content, a full site audit, custom domain and DNS configuration on Vercel, and a branded organizational email address.
- Pursuing second partnership with Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

University of Washington - Youth Advisory Board

Founding Member

Seattle, WA

June 2024 – Present

- Presented at University of Washington's iSchool Conference in 2024, 2025, 2026 earning the Visionary Lens Award of Insightfulness, and Spark Award for Creativity for contributions to youth-focused technology research.
- Researched and co-authored a published memo on school phone bans, advised by UW Information School and Psychology faculty and PhD students.
- Interviewed by GeekWire, leading to a published article that brought the memo's findings to a wider audience.

- Created a marketing plan for the PEARLY Research Study, segmenting teen demographics to develop targeted outreach via digital campaigns, peer ambassador programs, and Instagram content
- Assisted in data collection and review for two academic papers in development
- Conducted thematic analysis of 8,500+ stakeholder survey responses on school phone bans, applying category development, cross-group comparisons, and large-scale data organization in Excel/Google Sheets and Jamovi
- Partnered with Harvard's Center for Digital Thriving on design research for the AI Accordion tool, enabling teens to critically evaluate ethical uses of AI
- Advised on AI integration for Quandary's ethical decision-making game and play-tested prior to public launch
- Authored an advocacy letter on strengthening computer science education in Washington State, sent to WA Senators and UW faculty based on statewide high school research

Employment	AceRocket AI	Seattle, WA
	Marketing Intern	April 2025 – January 2026
	• Led the development of a referral-driven growth strategy to increase student adoption of AceRocket's AI-powered learning platform across schools and academic communities. • Developed 40+ Short Form and 2 Long Form Videos, Garnering 250k+ views on social media platforms, developing a consistent brand voice. • Designed comprehensive automated email campaigns to drive conversions through Newsletter and Welcome Messages approach.	
Leadership & Activities	Boy Scouts of America - Troop 751	Sammamish, WA
	<i>Senior Patrol Leader - Troop "President"</i>	2022 – Present
	• Lead a troop of 50+ Scouts by organizing and running weekly meetings, monthly outings, and service projects that foster leadership, advancement, and camaraderie. • Raised Average meeting attendance by 47% from start to end of my term • Communicate all events within the troop to adults and scouts. • Lead coordination with adult volunteers in a youth-led structure, ensuring troop operations, outings, and events align with Scout-led planning and goals. • Maintain and manage detailed spreadsheets tracking Scout attendance, engagement, and participation trends. • Support planning and logistics for the troop's annual Christmas tree drive fundraiser, helping coordinate volunteer shifts, marketing, and community outreach. • Achieved the rank of "Life" Scout, Earning 22 Merit Badges - Working on Eagle • Trekked 65 miles over 12 days at Philmont Scout Ranch as Chaplain's Aide for a 12-person crew, leading two daily reflections and organizing grace at meals, and ensured every crew member earned the Duty to God Award.	
	Key Club - Eastlake High School	Sammamish, WA
	<i>President</i>	<i>September 2024 – Present</i>
	• Lead the 2nd largest Key Club chapter in Washington State, serving 180+ members • Doubled meeting frequency by introducing a biweekly structure, increasing member engagement while growing the chapter • Set a record for Eastlake HS Key Club membership in my first year as president • Manage and direct a 12+ person officer team • Vice President (Jun 2025 – Jun 2026): Grew membership 14% in my first year and hosted 15+ full chapter meetings • Intern & Class Representative (2024 – 2025): Supported the officer team with event setup and outreach, and represented my grade by relaying member feedback and recruiting classmates to service events	
	Indian Student Association - Eastlake High School	Sammamish, WA
	<i>Founder & President</i>	<i>September 2024 – Present</i>

- Led a comprehensive restructuring of the club in my inaugural year as President, increasing membership by 400% through expanded outreach, more frequent meetings, and improved member engagement.
- Secured sponsorships with local businesses, including Apna Bazaar and Kanishka, to support cultural events and strengthen community partnerships.
- Managed \$1,000+ in school-allocated funding, coordinating directly with school administration to oversee budgeting, event expenses, and resource allocation.
- Co-organized 12+ cultural events attracting 300+ combined attendees, overseeing event logistics, financial planning, and student engagement to promote Indian culture within the school community.

WA DECA Access & Inclusion

Bellevue, WA

Team Lead

June 2025 – Present

- Lead a leadership team of 65+ ambassadors to drive engagement, support statewide initiatives, and foster inclusive chapter environments.
- Organized and ran feedback booths at FLC and SCDC, engaging directly with a portion of the 6,500+ conference attendees to gather input on chapter experiences.
- Provided input into judge training processes and advocated for equitable access to DECA resources across WA chapters, supporting a statewide network of over 17,000 student members.

DECA - Eastlake High School

Sammamish, WA

Mentor & Member

September 2024 – Present

- Mentored 9 underclassmen in the Start-Up Business Plan event, providing guidance on business plan development, competitive strategy, and presentation skills; helped 8 students qualify for the State Career Development Conference (89% qualification rate).
- Qualified for the Washington DECA State Career Development Conference three times, earning 4th- and 8th-place finishes at Area competitions across multiple business events.
- Named a State Finalist in Project Management Community Giving for Project Refill, a community initiative addressing food insecurity through fundraising, food drives, and sustainable agriculture partnerships.

City of Sammamish - Youth Board

Sammamish, WA

Member

May 2026 – Present

- Serve on the City of Sammamish Youth Board, representing youth perspectives and advising city leadership on policies, programs, and initiatives affecting local residents.
- Organizing a citywide hackathon to bring together students interested in technology, innovation, and problem-solving, encouraging participants to develop solutions to real-world community challenges.
- Coordinating a community food drive in Sammamish to address local food insecurity, mobilize student volunteers, and support families experiencing financial hardship.
- Collaborate with fellow board members and city officials to develop youth-led initiatives that strengthen civic engagement and expand opportunities for community involvement.

Technology Student Association

Sammamish, WA

Member

September 2026 – Present

- Compete in 4 technology-focused events: Software Development, Webmaster, Video Game Design, and Artificial Intelligence, applying programming, UI/UX design, and machine learning concepts to real-world challenges.
 - Collaborate with 6+ teammates to design, develop, and refine technical projects, coordinating responsibilities across software engineering, AI integration, and interactive design.
 - Develop innovative applications, websites, and games while strengthening technical problem-solving, project management, and teamwork skills in preparation for regional and state-level competitions.
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Community Work	City of Sammamish – Evans Creek Trail Restoration	Redmond, WA
	<i>Volunteer</i>	2024 – Present
	• Participated in municipal trail restoration and environmental conservation projects across three locations biweekly: Evans Creek, Tibbetts Creek, and Bellevue's public trail system. • Collaborated with community volunteers to maintain recreational trails, preserve natural habitats, and support the long-term sustainability of local green spaces. • Contributed to community-led environmental stewardship initiatives focused on protecting local ecosystems and maintaining accessible outdoor recreational areas.	
	Philmont Scout Ranch – Trail Restoration	Cimmaron, NM
	<i>Volunteer</i>	2025
	• Participated in wilderness trail restoration and conservation projects at Philmont Scout Ranch, supporting the long-term preservation of backcountry trails and natural landscapes. • Collaborated with fellow Scouts on hands-on trail maintenance activities to improve trail conditions, reduce environmental impact, and promote sustainable outdoor recreation.	
	Redmond School Box – Food Bank	Redmond, WA
	<i>Volunteer</i>	2024 – Present
	• Supported food distribution operations by organizing, sorting, and preparing donated food and essential supplies for distribution to local families experiencing food insecurity. • Assisted with inventory organization and volunteer operations to improve distribution efficiency and help ensure reliable access to essential food resources.	
	Eastside Friends of Seniors – Community Support	Sammamish, WA
	<i>Volunteer</i>	2024 – Present
	• Supported senior citizens through community outreach initiatives, including preparing and mailing holiday cards to reduce social isolation and foster meaningful connections. • Assisted elderly residents with yard maintenance and basic technology troubleshooting, helping improve their independence, accessibility, and quality of life.	

Research	Independent Research – Blockchain & International Remittances	Cambridge, MA
	• Conducting independent research under the guidance of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) faculty on the potential of blockchain technology to reduce transaction costs and improve efficiency in international remittances. • Independently designed, built, and deployed a private blockchain network from scratch using Google Cloud infrastructure to simulate cross-border transactions and evaluate blockchain-based payment systems. • Managed the entire research infrastructure and experimental process independently, accumulating 500+ hours of Google Cloud compute runtime and generating 500+ key data points to analyze transaction throughput, settlement speed, scalability, and cost efficiency. • Evaluating blockchain scaling mechanisms, including sharding, sidechains, and payment channels, and proposing an integration framework connecting blockchain-based transactions with SWIFT and Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) systems. • Preparing an academic research paper analyzing the technical and economic feasibility of blockchain-based remittance infrastructure for submission to a peer-reviewed publication.	

Academic Scholarships

Awards	WA Seal of Biliteracy - Hindi	2025
	Boy Scouts of America - Rank of Life	2025
	Boy Scouts of America - World Conservation Award	2025

Boy Scouts of America - National Outdoor Achievement	2025
National Community Service Award Ambassador	2026
Kroger Co. Zero Hunger Award - Gold	2026

Publications & Confs.	University of Washington iSchool Annual Showcase - Poster Presentation	2024, 2025
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Competitions	DECA - Community Giving Project - State Finalist	2026
	DECA - Start-Up Business Plan - 4th Place at Area Competition	2024
	DECA - Business Services Marketing - 8th Place at Area Competition	2025
	Congressional App Challenge - Competitor (Results to come)	2026
	Technology Student Association - Webmaster (Results to come)	2026
	Technology Student Association - Software Development (Results to come)	2026
	Technology Student Association - Video Game Design (Results to come)	2026
	Technology Student Association - Artificial Intelligence (Results to come)	2026

Academic Programs

Related Coursework	AP Calculus AB	Score: 5	2025 – 2026
	AP Statistics	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Score: 5	2025 – 2026
	AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	AP Physics C: Mechanics (Calculus-Based)	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	AP English Language & Composition	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	AP US History	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	AP European History	Score: 5	2025 – 2026
	AP World History	Score: 5	2025 – 2026
	AP Microeconomics	Score: 5	2025 – 2026
	AP Macroeconomics	Score: 5	2024 – 2025
	AP Business Principles w/ Personal Finance	Score: N/A	2026 – Present
	UW Math 120		2025 - 2026

Precollege Courses	Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT 14.01 (Principles of Microeconomics)	2026
	• Completed an introduction to microeconomic theory and its application to consumer, firm, and market behavior. • Analyzed consumer choice and demand through utility maximization, budget constraints, and price elasticity. • Assessed firm decision-making and market structures, including production, cost minimization, perfect competition, and monopoly. • Evaluated market failures, including externalities, public goods, and asymmetric information, and the policy tools used to correct them. • Applied game theory and welfare analysis to examine strategic behavior and the efficiency of market outcomes.	

Certifications	Harvard CS50x: Introduction to Computer Science	Cambridge, Massachusetts
	Harvard CS50R: Introduction to Programming in R	Cambridge, Massachusetts
	Google Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Professional Certificate	Mountain View, CA
	Project Management Institute: Project Management Ready	Newtown Square, PA
	Certiport, a Pearson VUE business: Professional Communication	Philadelphia, PA
	Certiport, a Pearson VUE business: Generative AI Foundations	Philadelphia, PA

Skills:

Language Skills: Native in Hindi, Native in English, Intermediate in Spanish

Computer Skills: