

## KUHU BHATTACHARYA

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### EDUCATION

<b>CAS, Kilachand Honors College, Boston University</b> , Massachusetts, USA	2024 - 2028
<b>Hiranandani Foundation School</b> , Mumbai, India	2010 - 2024
- <i>Indian School Certificate (ISC): 97%</i>	2022 - 2024
- <i>Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE): 97%</i>	2010 - 2022

### ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

#### *School*

- **ISC Board Topper in C.S.;** School Topper in (a) English (b) STEM Cohort; School Rank 3 2023 - 2024
- Governor's Gold Medal; Scholar's Badge; Selected to *Student (Leadership) Council* 2023 - 2024
- Computer Science Excellence Award (Cohort Topper) & General Proficiency Honours 2022 - 2023
- **ICSE Board Topper in 2 Subjects** - Chemistry and History & Civics; Governor's Gold Medal 2021 - 2022
- Distinction Honours in Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 - 2024

#### *International*

- *Reader's Choice Award* + received *High Distinction* in Elaine Hobson (Memorial) Literary Award 2023
  - Submission presented at the Global Empathy Conference (SEOUL); published in August Newsletter
- Awarded *High Distinction* (top 200 / 19,000 entries) in John Locke Institute's Essay Competition 2023
- *Global Runners-Up* in NYAS's Research Project Competition 2022
- Won *Three Scholarship Awards* in Immerse (UK's) Science Essay and Blog Contests 2021 - 2022

### STANDARDIZED TESTS AND APs

- TOEFL: 112 (Speaking – 29, Reading – 28, Writing – 28, Listening – 27) 2023
- SAT: 1480 (Maths: 780; English: 700) 2023
- AP Examinations: Psychology – 4; Computer Science A – 4 2023

### MARKETING & MEDIA PURSUITS

- Completed an Internship at **Madison Media** – India's largest and world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest media agency 2024
- Marketing Internships planned at **Proctor & Gamble, Mondelez** and **Asian Paints** 2024
- Internship at **The Times of India**, Mumbai, India (World's Largest selling English Newspaper) 2023
  - Authored 5 news stories & co-authored 6 stories on Education & Mumbai City News; Attended Press Conferences, visited Crime Branch, conducted interviews & paginated news using CUE Software.
- **Head of Press - Model United Nations:** 3 days | 350+ student delegates | 35 schools Pan-Mumbai 2023
  - Marshalled a 30-student press corps; edited the 2023 Newsletter; authored 4 press releases as school correspondent – and ensured prominent coverages in The Times of India and Planet Powai
- Completed **Harvard University's On-Campus Summer Program** on *Digital Media* 2022
  - Examined archetypes of Media, Texts and Film scripts. Debated storylines, learnt effective copywriting, verbal communication and experienced campus living
- Published 30 articles in **Planet Powai** (an English Print Weekly) 2022 - 2024
- **The Scientific Teen**, World's largest youth-run STEM Magazine 2021 - 2024
  - Staff Writer (2021 - 2023); Editor (2022 - 2023); Head-Scientific Review (2022 - 2024)*
    - Authored 5 articles; Peer-reviewed and edited 50+ articles; drove signing-up of STEM professors worldwide to editorial review articles
- Published 180+ Blog Articles on 'Teenage Mental Health' through my Blog – **DamselzInsanity** 2020 - 2024
  - Featured on *The Future Mogul Podcast* (available on Spotify) 2024
  - Selected as - Top 6 student case study by The Achiever's Table 2021

### COMPUTER SCIENCE PURSUITS

#### *Research*

- Completed a mentored AI Based Project from Inspirit AI: *Anxiety Levels of Gamers* 2023
  - Research Guide was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year U-Penn C.S. Ph.D. student, who's also a Dartmouth College Undergrad

- **Junior Academy of The New York Academy of Sciences** 2022
  - Completed a project based on U.N. Sustainable Development Goals: The Green Redesign - Building a Sustainable Farmhouse using 5G & IOT. Led an International 6-member team to the Finals.

*School Leadership - Head of Cyber Club & Head of Science Club*

- **Hiranandani Foundation School, Powai Mumbai** 2023
  - Conducted Generative AI immersion sessions for Grade 9 - 11 students
  - Led my School's team in EUMIND-2022 (an Inter-School STEM competition)
- Coded my *personal website* using the WIX platform and created my YouTube channel 2023

*Online Courses*

2022 - 2023

- **Inspirit AI Scholars.** Learnt Ten AI modules using a project: Developing Facial Emotion Detection using AI
- **Inspirit AI Ambassadors.** Won the 1st Prize (worth US\$ 2,750) (among 300+ global participants), comprising of a full scholarship for a 1:1 AI mentored research, 1-year Chat GPT Plus Subscription and Harvard Business School's AI Kit consisting of Five e-Books
- **ISRO** (Indian Space and Research Organisation) Summer School 2021
  - Completed 20 Modules on Geographic Information Systems & its application in Disaster Management
- Completed '*Build a Mobile App with Google Sheets on Glide and No Coding*', module on Coursera 2020
  - Used this skill to code a Food-Menu App for a Covid-19 period online Community Food Festival

## **RE-BUILDING LIVES**

**Project UNNATI**, Mumbai, India | Economically empowering women ([www.projectunnati.in/](http://www.projectunnati.in/)) 2022 - 2024

UNNATI strives to improve Indian women's labour force participation rate, by scientifically understanding post-marriage employability barriers & creating enabling set-ups to support re-employment within a 30-minute commute from their home

*Research*

- Designed survey tools and conducted focused group discussions to uncover willingness of women to re-join the formal workforce plus their fit with the Program's objectives.

*Outreach*

- Delivered awareness programs to scores of potential candidates through one-on-one and group meetings; participated in planning and logistics co-ordination of such interventions.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

2021

- Lead an International team to raise US\$ 3,000 from 116 Donors 2020
  - Managed donor and team co-ordinations, website and logistics management, for providing physical aid and mental health counselling to underprivileged families affected by COVID-19

*Online Courses*

- Completed NYAS's Interactive Course: 'Thousand Girls Thousand Futures' 2022
  - The course contained deep dives into public communication, ethics & critical thinking, by working on a project - '*Mental Health in Color, importance of well-being to become better societally*'

## **DANCE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Learnt multiple dance forms - *Rabindrik* (for 9 years); *Kathak* (7 years) and *Hip-Hop* (3 years) 2010 - 2022
  - Pursued '*Kathak*' under noted Danseuse Dr. Rashmi Mishra - a disciple of Padma Vibhushan (Late) Pandit Birju Maharaj, and obtained the primary certification level from All India Gandharv University - India's only University dedicated to Dance. Also performed as part of her Troupe.
- Delivered 10 Public performances at Mumbai's leading Cultural Festivals like - Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, Times Powai Sarvajanin Durgotsav, (Rotary Club's) Powai Fest, Rabindra Jayanti Culfest
- Won the Silver Medal in Dancing in Powai Fest 2020
- Delivered a Solo Acting Performance 'Stand by Me' in Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, Mumbai 2019
- Led my School team in The Times of India - NIE Group Dance Competition 2019

## **LANGUAGES**

- Have achieved native fluency levels in English, Hindi, Bangla and Marathi

## **INTERESTS**

- Reading about Mental Health, Playing Basketball and Badminton, Dancing, Watching Bollywood Movies

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