

# VISHWAA SOFAT

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## EDUCATION

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- University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)** Start in Aug 2020
- Incoming first year with an intended double major in Computer Science (B.S.) and Political Science (B.A.)
- Stuyvesant High School (New York, NY)** Sept 2016-June 2020
- Cumulative GPA: 3.7/4.0; ACT: 35; Awarded The Dr. Howard Wexler Scholarship by Alumni Association
  - Notable Coursework: AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Comparative Government & Politics, AP Computer Science, AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP United States History, AP United States Government & Politics, AP World History, Artificial Intelligence, Human Diseases, Software Development, Western Political Thought

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Direct Health Access, Founder & CEO** Mar 2019-Present
- Founded a non-profit to increase healthcare accessibility amongst minority and immigrant communities
  - Created educational campaigns and informational materials in native languages of communities being targeted
  - Organized health camps and insurance fairs alongside healthcare professionals to bring healthcare services directly to communities
- NYC Department of Education Chancellor's Student Advisory Council (CSAC), Manhattan Representative** Sept 2019-Present
- Advocated on behalf of 1.1 million students in NYC public schools as 1 of 30 students across NYC
  - Presented policy recommendations to increase mental health resources, create culturally responsive curriculum, and promote equity
  - Hosted several events including a virtual youth forum with 1000+ viewers on remote learning during COVID-19 with the Chancellor
- Stuyvesant x Google Mentorship Program, Software Development Mentee** Oct 2019-Jun 2020
- Developed a virtual study buddy AI program to help students target their academic weaknesses and better prepare for testing
  - Worked with mentors at Google NYC to learn more about development, marketing, and AI
- U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional Intern (D.C. Office) for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY-12)** July 2019 – Aug 2019
- Answered constituent phone calls and emails and recorded constituent sentiment on policy issues
  - Assembled materials and research for 9/11 Victims Compensation Act, Smithsonian Women's Museum Bill, and Cyprus-Turkey conflict
  - Attended and reported on Congressional meetings, committee hearings and markups, and briefings regarding legislative issues
  - Composed memos and press releases for Legislative Staff regarding immigration, foreign affairs, labor, healthcare, and education issues
- Manhattan Community Board (CB) 1, Appointed Official** May 2019-May 2020
- Issued recommendations to the relevant governing agencies, elected officials, and organizations
  - Appointed as the only high school representative by the Manhattan Borough President and the New York City Councilmember
- NYC Department of Education Manhattan Borough Student Advisory Council (MBSAC), Stuyvesant Representative** Sept 2018-Jun 2020
- Planned and attended meetings to allow students and DOE officials to discuss and address systemic inequities
  - Created Professional Development courses to help foster better student-teacher relationships at all Manhattan schools
  - Chosen as 1 of 30 students from Manhattan and selected as 1 of 5 students from to be on the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council
- Congressional Youth Council for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY-12), Student Advisor** Sept 2018-Jun 2020
- Advised the Congresswoman on critical issues facing the community, especially faced by young New Yorkers
  - Engaged in meetings with interest groups, community leaders, and other elected officials to learn about key issues and legislation
- Mt. Sinai Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, Student Intern under Dr. Samin Sharma** June 2018-Sept 2018
- Interacted with patients and their families during consultation visits as well as pre and post procedure
  - Observed over 250 procedures treating various cardiac myopathies procedures and attended lectures at the Icahn School of Medicine

## LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

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- Stuyvesant Student Union, Student Union President & School Leadership Team Student Representative** Sept 2016-Present
- Honored with Welling Award for Leadership for representing 3,300+ students, managing a team of 70+ students, and a \$180,000+ budget
  - Devised the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals for the school and passed new cell phone and homework policies
  - Created Civic Engagement and Financial Literacy courses, Sexual Harassment workshops, and a neighborhood student discount program
  - Planned school-wide and grade-specific events such as SING! (student-run musical), dances, lectures, fundraisers, and blood drives
  - Designed a website, StuyActivities.com, to serve as an after-school activities manager that helps students find clubs of their interest
- Stuyvesant Model United Nations, Under Secretary General of Personnel** Sept 2016-June 2020
- Attended 24 conferences, won 19 awards, and only delegate from school selected for the All-American Model UN Team
  - Mentored team of over 70 members and doubled awards won by team at conferences
- Stuyvesant Varsity Co-Ed Cricket Team, Captain** Sept 2016-June 2020
- Turned team from a win-less season to a 4-6 record as youngest captain in school history by coaching at practices and planning scrimmages

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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**Programming:** Languages - HTML/CSS, Java, JS, Python; Tools/Frameworks - D3.js, Express.js, Flask, Git, Jekyll, Jinja, MongoDB, Node.js, SQL  
**Languages:** Fluent in English, Hindi, Punjabi, and Spanish  
**Honors:** AP Scholar with Honor, High School Fed Challenge Semifinalist (2019) and Honorable Mention (2020), John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Scholastic Silver Key for Poetry, Yale Young Global Scholar