

# Shirene Khandpur

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## Objective

Driven and ambitious high school senior pursuing the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) with a full course load and a 3.9 unweighted GPA. As the founder and leader of my non-profit organization, I am dedicated to creating meaningful change by supporting marginalized communities, including refugees, immigrants, and underprivileged youth. With a passion for global affairs, policy-making, and advocacy, I aim to leverage my academic excellence and leadership experiences to pursue an undergraduate degree in international relations or political science at a prestigious institution. My long-term goal is to influence policy and foster a positive global impact through diplomacy, community engagement, and advocacy.

## EDUCATION

### Inglemoor High School

FOCUS: IBDP | GPA 3.9

**Kenmore, WA**

Grade 12

### Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC)

**Cedar Crest High School** Freelance Art and Ceramics

**Duvall, WA**

Summer 2022

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Nordic News (Inglemoor High Newspaper)

Co-Editor-in-Chief, Reporter, Illustrator, Photographer

**Kenmore, WA**

2022 – Present

- Research and interview to write articles for an award-winning newspaper at IHS, which has a web presence as well as a physical publication circulated among 1700 students and the Northshore School District.
- Write for a variety of genres independently and for assignments.
- Identify and secure multiple information sources for each story to provide accurate, credible news coverage.

### Campaign of Senator Manka Dhingra

Political and Canvassing Intern

**Redmond, WA**

2024 – Present

- Maintaining volunteer and youth list and ensuring the newsletter and monthly communications are sent.
- Donor prospecting, database management, and data entry.
- Attending events with Senator Dhingra and supporting her by taking pictures for social media.
- Preparing memos for the Senator in preparation for campaign meetings.
- Assisting with research and policy papers as needed.

### Model United Nations

Moderator, Delegate

**Seattle, WA**

2021 – Present

- Teach, moderate and guide 120+ beginner students during a 2-day conference.
- Prepare for 5-7 months to research world issues, plan simulations and create conference materials for students.
- Speak to up to 100+ other students loudly and clearly on complicated world issues.
- Collaborate with other students to create detailed solutions, working to accommodate everyone.
- Won 2 awards, directed and planned 3 conferences and attended 7 conferences thus far.

### Inglemoor HS's Model UN Club Executive

PR Manager

**Kenmore, WA**

2023 – Present

- Managed projects to market the club, including club fairs and Instagram promotions.
- Design merchandise and manage production.
- Promote events and successfully onboarded 40 members.

**TeenTix Newsroom**

**Seattle, WA**

Writer

2023 – Present

- Attend local arts and culture events in the Greater Seattle Area.
- Write reviews to be published on TeenTix's blog, read by 1000s of teens and Seattle residents.
- Collaborate with other writers to hone writing and reviewing skills.

### **Published Novel- [Whispers in the Shadows](#)- Amazon**

Writer

2022 – Present

- Managed time and created an overarching plan spanning 18 months.
- Polished writing skills through practice and self-learning.
- Connected with industry professionals such as editors and publishers.

### **Babysitting**

**Kirkland, WA**

Employee

2022 – Present

- Work for stretches of 2 to 6 hours, earning \$40 per hour
- Look after up to 4 young children at once, ensuring their safety
- Prepare meals and assist children in evening routines

### **Investigating and Reporting on NYC Restaurants**

**New York, New York**

Writer, Student at the School of the New York Times

2023

- Collaborated with other writers to create an investigative piece about La Caridad, an NYC restaurant that serves Chino-Latino cuisine.
- Interviewed real estate agents and local restaurant owners, staff and customers.
- Conducted research about the area and the history of the cuisine.

### **The Willows Post (Willows Prep Newspaper)**

**Redmond, WA**

Editor-in-Chief, Reporter

2021 – 2022

- Edited articles submitted for publication and finalized newspaper layout using editing software.
- Solicited article ideas and ensured that all major changes at school were covered.
- Consistently motivated staff, while giving constructive feedback in their writing.
- Managed deadlines, ensuring they are met.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **The Cultural Connect- non-profit organization**

**Kirkland, WA**

Founder/ President

2019 – Present

- Helped raise over \$6950 in funds in an effort to provide a welcoming space for refugees, immigrants, and underprivileged individuals, focusing on cultural integration and empowerment within the Greater Seattle Area
- Organize weekly language tutoring and exchange initiatives to help immigrants and refugees improve their language skills and adapt to new environments with the help of over 15 local youth volunteers.
- Orchestrate monthly workshops focused on resume building, interview techniques, and technical skills, empowering non-native speakers and seniors to regain independence and access employment.
- Helped serve over 2500+ meals prepared and served during food drives in New Delhi, India and Bothell, Washington, while providing emotional support for refugees and the homeless.
- Planned and managed over 23 workshops so far across the U.S., India, and Australia with over 15 volunteers, expanding our impact through local chapters that run bi-weekly and monthly events.

### **ENGin**

**Virtual**

Advanced English Tutor

2022 – Present

- Tutor a Ukrainian refugee weekly in conversational and advanced English language skills, which include verb conjugations, vocabulary, verb tenses, and parts of speech.
- Mentoring student on the American way of life and providing emotional support during the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

- Advance conversational English skills by 25% after five months of tutoring.

### **EduBlock**

President, Volunteer

**Kirkland, WA/Virtual**

2020 – 2022

- Organized events, such as book drives, fun runs, article writing, and summer camps, to raise funds and awareness to benefit the education of lower-income students around the world.
- Led a team of 5-10 people to organize and execute events in multiple locations within the Greater Seattle Area.
- Volunteered as a tutor for a summer camp to help students struggling due to lack of financial assistance during the school year.

### **Bellevue Arts Museum**

Volunteer

**Bellevue, WA**

2023 – Present

- Assisted in planning, setting up, and cleaning up museum events.
- Volunteer and interact with museum visitors at events of over 50 people.
- Work with museum staff to ensure the success of events.

### **National Speech and Debate Association**

Debate Judge

**Redmond, WA/Virtual**

2022

- Judged middle school students' debate skills based on the NSDA rubric and personal debating experience.
- Delivered constructive feedback to students for future debate competitions.

### **Young Women Empowered**

Volunteer

**Seattle, WA**

2021

- Painted a mural in Seattle with a few other artists to inspire diverse young women to express their ideas with their creativity.
- Developed mentor-mentee relationships to inspire other young women of color.

### **Community Stewardship Projects: Environmental and Adventure School**

Volunteer

**Kirkland, WA**

2018 – 2020

- Volunteered to prepare and serve food at St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank over several days.
- Cleaned up local public parks, including Juanita Bay, by removing invasive plants and replanting native species to protect the local ecosystem.
- Safeguarded local not-for-profit farm by mulching and weeding paths, repairing bridges over a creek, and cultivating a safe environment for native species.
- Led and taught a group of 15 third graders over the course of one week with educational, team-building activities.
- Potted plants and cleaned the community greenhouse.

## **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

**IB English** 2022-2024

**IB History** 2022-2024

**IB Visual Arts** 2022-2024

**IB Spanish** 2022-2024

**Hugo House Writing Workshop** 2022

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Guitar and Ukulele**

2019 – Present

**Debate Team**

2021 – 2022

**Novel Writing**

2022 – Present

**South Asian Student Association**

2022 – Present

## AWARDS

### **Elected Leader of Literature Club, Environmental and Adventure School (2020)**

**Kirkland, WA**

- Appointed leader of Literature Club at EAS by club advisor and members.
- Organized a variety of activities, including starting and editing EAS's first newspaper.

### **Finalist for Why Learn Languages (2021)**

**Virtual**

- Won cash prize as a finalist for Why Learn Languages national competition as one of 455 competitors.

### **Certificate of Excellence in Willows Prep MYP Math (2022)**

**Redmond, WA**

- Graduated 9th grade as top of class in math, awarded by the principal of school.

### **Best Researched in VMUN DISEC representing Iran (2023)**

**Vancouver, B.C.**

- Chosen by DISEC dais as Best Researched for showing commendable excellence in research and knowledge about the committee topics

### **Outstanding Delegate in SeattleMUN UNCTAD representing Jamaica (2023)**

**Seattle, WA**

- Chosen by UNCTAD dais as Outstanding Delegate for speaking skills, presenting unique ideas, and assisting other delegates

### **Honorable Mention in Commentary Writing at JEA National Student Media Contests**

**San Francisco, CA**

- Awarded Honorable Mention by judge panel of professional journalists for a timed commentary writing contest of 40+ students

### **Superior in Editorial Writing at JEA National Student Media Contests**

**Kansas City, MO**

- Awarded the highest prize of Superior by judge panel of professional journalists for a timed editorial writing contest of 40+ students

### **Best of SNO for Nordic News Article**

- Awarded international title SNO Sites judges for article I wrote for school newspaper

## SKILLS

**Skills:** Excellent Writing and Communication Skills, Problem Solver with a Growth Mindset, Creative and Critical Thinker, Excellent in Teamwork and Collaboration, Good Work Ethics and Adaptable to High Pressure Situations, Astute Conflict Resolution and Decision Making Skills, Detail Oriented and Comfortable in Public Speaking, Punctual, Reliable & Responsible, Great Interpersonal Skills and Cheerful, Quick Learner

**Language Skills:** Native Speaker of English, Intermediate/Advanced in Spanish, and Intermediate in Hindi

**Computer Skills:** **Microsoft** (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Forms, Teams, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook, OneDrive, Skype); **Google** (Docs, Spreadsheet, Forms, Gmail, Slides, Drive, Calendar); **Adobe** (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop), **Canva**; **Social Media**