

## Maximilian Peter Kishore Panda, Middle School Student

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**Statement:** My parents, who immigrated to this country, shaped my values. They taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. I love my life and I am grateful to be able to grow up in a privileged environment. Through my extensive travels with my parents, I realized from very early on that many people around the world do not have the means to live a decent life and can't even feed their children. I am determined to change that. *"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples"* (Mother Theresa). I might only be 13 years old, but I feel strong enough to cast that stone. Whilst working for Sukarya USA I will raise the awareness of urban poverty in the slums of India and the specific challenges that girls and boys encounter within this hostile environment. I will advocate for these children within my local community, to raise funds which might be able to make a difference in these children's and their family life's. Young people like me have the ideas, the creativity and great energy to shape a better world. We are full of hope and through innovation and imagination, we are problem solvers and have a great potential to generate a positive social change in the world. *"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."* (Mother Theresa)

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**PROFILE:** Resourceful and dedicated Middle School Student with excellent analytical skills and a demonstrated commitment to diversity and social justice and environmental sustainability. Strong organizational abilities with proven success managing multiple academic projects and volunteering events. Well-rounded and professional team player dedicated to continuing academic pursuits at a collegial level.

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### EDUCATION:

09/2018 - Beverly Middle School (BMS)

- Principal's List 2019, 2020 and 2021
- Certificate of Merit for an original piece of creative writing selected for publication in a 'Young Writers' Anthology 2019
- Certificate in Recognition of BMS Science Fair 2020

- Certificate of Excellence for outstanding and consistent commitment to global applications during remote learning 2021
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## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

### **Coursera online course**

- Global Diplomacy: the United Nations in the World offered by University of London, Academic Year 2018-2019

### **Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth**

- CTY High Honors for achievement in the 2019-20 CTY Talent Search
- Preparation for Advanced Placement History and Geography: Western Hemisphere Academic Year 2020-21
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### **Kestrel Conservation Club Beverly**

- explored the natural and cultural dimensions of New England landscape, culminating in a community service project

### **Beverly Basketball Travel Team**

- Cape Ann State Champions 2021

### **New England Storm AAU Basketball Team**

- New Hampshire State Champions 2021

### **YMCA of the North Shore Sharks Swim Team 2013-2018**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 50 yard backstroke and 100 yard back stroke at District Championships 2018

### **Horse Back Riding at Back Bay Farm, Ipswich, MA**

## Private piano lessons

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### **SOFT SKILLS:**

- Strong work ethic
  - Teamwork
  - Communication
  - Organized
  - Adaptable
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### **HARD SKILLS**

- Certified therapy team/therapy dog handler with *Dog Bones* June 2021
- *PADI* open water certification April 2021
- Fluent in German, conversational in Spanish