

DARTMOUTH

Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund



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MAJOR: Undeclared

HIGH SCHOOL: Great Neck South High School

OUTSIDE INTERESTS: I'm a proud Gold Award Girl Scout (twelve years going strong!) and community organizer. I'm passionate about sustainable development, expanding access to educational opportunities, and Indian dance.

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Dear Members of the Dartmouth Class of 1966,

Thank you so much for your generous and gracious support.

Coming to Dartmouth has been and will continue to be life-changing. This place feels like home: I knew it from the moment I stepped onto campus before I even applied. Dartmouth is full of wonderful people and opportunities that I'm so excited to experience throughout my four years here. I'm genuinely so grateful to be at this small college in the middle of the woods; there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

But I also am aware that this is an experience my family wouldn't have been able to afford without aid. So, I have so much appreciation for you and your support. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart.

Best,

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About Your Scholar Farah Daredia

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE DARTMOUTH?

I was attracted to the small liberal arts college experience. I love the idea of being able to walk across the Green and be greeted by familiar faces. I love that I have the opportunity to go out to lunch with some of the best professors in their fields. With a strong liberal arts curriculum, I love that I can allow curiosity to drive my education, exploring anything that sparks my interest. In a world where problems don't have quick fixes or exist in isolation, I'll need a multifaceted approach to develop holistic, impactful solutions. I was also excited by the prospect of living in rural New England. I'm from New York and I knew that I'd probably never get the chance to live in a place like this again. There was a sort of magic to the place of Hanover and I'm so glad that this is my home now. But ultimately, it came down to the people and the community. When I visited campus, all the upperclassmen were so welcoming and willing to answer questions about Dartmouth and offer advice. More than that, everyone I spoke to was passionate about Dartmouth: their school was a part of their identity. Instantly, I knew that this was the community I wanted to call my own.

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY EXTRACURRICULAR OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR INTERNSHIPS IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED, EITHER IN HIGH SCHOOL OR DURING YOUR TIME AT DARTMOUTH.

In high school, I worked as an intern with New York State Senator Anna Kaplan. I implemented voter outreach efforts to 100+ voters daily, assisted constituents in making voting plans, led vaccination education efforts, assisted small businesses with loans, and researched public policy. I served as a Texas deputy campaign manager for Ismailis Rise Up, an initiative to mobilize Ismaili Muslims to vote. I led and trained a team of 30 organizers, created multilingual voter tutorials, developed voter outreach strategies, helped raise \$2.3k for Fair Fight Action, and worked to plan and host community events with US Senators Ossoff and Warnock, Maya Harris, Vyasari Ganesh (cast member on Indian Matchmaking), Rizwan Manji (actor on Schitt's Creek), etc. I also started my own podcast called "Kaleidoscope of Voices," where I hosted interviews with diverse guests, including U.S. attorneys, non-profit CEOs, first-generation low-income college students, and activists on their work to address key issues (educational equity, refugee settlement, STEM for marginalized communities, etc.). I was able to reach audiences in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Paraguay, Colombia, Indonesia, and Nicaragua. At school, I was a varsity cheerleader and the senior opinions editor for my school newspaper. At Dartmouth, I'm an associate editor for the *Dartmouth Law Journal*, Great Issues Scholar for the Dickey Center, and a political organizer for the Dartmouth Democrats.

WERE YOU IN AN HONORS GROUP EITHER IN HIGH SCHOOL OR DURING YOUR TIME AT DARTMOUTH? DID YOU RECEIVE ANY ACADEMIC AWARDS OR CITATIONS? TELL US ABOUT THE ONE(S) THAT MEAN THE MOST TO YOU.

I was named a National Merit Finalist for placing within the top 1% of students on the 11th grade P-SAT. Although I don't believe that standardized exams should be a measurement of worth, this was an indicator to me that I was more academically capable than I previously thought. In the past, I didn't think being named a semifinalist was even in the realm of possibility, but I proved myself wrong in the best possible way. I was also an AP Scholar with Honor for scoring well on my AP exams. I definitely tried to take the most challenging courses I could and this award meant that not only could I take these difficult classes, but I could also do well in them.