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PROFILE

I grew up in the ancient streets of Istanbul, where thousands of years of history lie layered one upon another, as the curious child of a professor of economics and a dentist who always took my questions seriously. The discipline that Francophone school culture instilled in me, combined with the doors opened by Turkish, French, and English, allowed everything I was drawn to grow from much deeper roots. Economics had been the central subject of our dinner conversations since childhood; when it merged with artificial intelligence, the most exciting development of my generation, it became my true passion. My dream is for the world to always be a fairer, more sustainable place, grounded in equal opportunity.

EDUCATION

Saint Benoît French High School

Istanbul, Karaköy · 2023 – Present

- Founded in 1783; one of Turkey's oldest and most prestigious institutions.
- Curriculum delivered in French and English alongside Turkish, global citizenship ethos.

Bilfen Private Schools

Istanbul · 2020 – 2023 (Middle School)

- One of Turkey's leading private school networks, known for national exam excellence.
- Mastery-learning model; strong academic and foreign language foundation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Professional Observation – Çelikbaş Law Office

Saint Benoît Professional Observation Program · June 12, 2025

- Observed daily operations of a law firm as part of the school's career program.
- Gained direct insight into the intersection of legal practice and economic decision-making.

CERTIFICATES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Language Education

DELFB2 – French Language Diploma

France Education International · July 2025

- Official French state diploma certifying advanced (B2 CEFR) proficiency in French.

ILA Montpellier – French Immersion Course

Institut Linguistique Adenet, Montpellier, France · July 21 – August 1, 2025

- Intensive 20-hour/week French course; attended immediately before DELFB2 exam.

Alpadia Language Schools – Paris-Igny

Alpadia (Kaplan International) · July 3–21, 2023

- Three-week French immersion program; completed Intermédiaire II (Upper Intermediate) level.

Technology & AI

Google – Maximize Productivity With AI Tools

Google / Coursera · March 2026

- Practical course on integrating AI tools into everyday workflows. Certified by Google via Coursera.

Google – Introduction to AI

Google / Coursera · February 2026

- Covered foundational AI concepts: machine learning, NLP, and real-world applications. Certified by Google via Coursera.

Academic & Conferences

SACMUN 9 – Delegate

SEV American College · March 6–9, 2025

- Represented country positions at the 9th SACMUN Model UN Conference; practiced international negotiation.

Talent Workshop: From Psychology to Business Administration

Istanbul Health and Technology University (ISTUN) · January 28–30, 2025

- Three-day interdisciplinary workshop on the intersection of psychology, business, and decision-making.

Awards

First Prize – Preparatory Story Writing Competition

Saint Benoît French High School · April 2023

- Won first place in the inter-class story writing competition organized by the Turkish Language and Literature Department.

VOLUNTEERING & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Atlas Solidarity Association

Ataşehir, Istanbul

- Volunteered in meal preparation and distribution for people in need.
- Organized social and educational activities with children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

HeForShe Club – Equality School Project

UN Women HeForShe × Saint Benoît French High School · September 2023 – June 2024

- Active member of the HeForShe Club (UN Women partnership); completed all training sessions over a full academic year.
- Developed a concrete understanding of gender equality advocacy in institutional and everyday contexts.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages

- Turkish — Native
- French — Advanced (DEL F B2)
- English — Advanced

Sports

- Fencing
- Flag Football

Academic Interests

- Economics & Artificial Intelligence
- International Relations & Model UN
- Behavioral Economics
- Sustainability & Equal Opportunity

Arts & Creativity

- Electric Guitar
- AI-Assisted Digital Art — YARIN Exhibition (Feb 2026)
- Creative Writing