Bora Ayhan

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Education

Arapahoe High School

May 15, 2026

- GPA: 4.0 UW / 4.44W (Rank 1 of 405)
- PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2024: 1520 (760R&W, 760M)

Relevant Coursework

- Introduction to Aerospace Engineering (AE1110x) @ TU Delft (Netherlands) through EdX
- Linear Algebra (18.06) @ MIT, through OpenCourseWare
- Introduction to Flight by Anderson and Rocket Propulsion Elements by Sutton & Biblarz

Work Experience

ARIA Lab at School of Mines: Intern, Project Lead

Jun. 2025 – Aug 2025

- Interned at the ARIA Lab at Mines under PI Prof. Kaveh Fathian.
- Implemented computer vision algorithms and SLAM systems using the Robot Operating System (ROS2) on Docker, published open-source drivers and packages alongside internal documentation related to the Boston Dynamics Spot, the Clearpath Robotics Husky, and our Sensor Backpack.
- Served as experiment lead during the successful live demonstration of the group's work at the Edgar Experimental Mine

FIRST Robotics Competition, Team 4293: Programmer, Drive Team

Jan. 2024 – present

- Notably focused on computer vision algorithms for odometry and target alignment
- Coordinated programming strategy and internal management during competitions and 'build' stages

Arapahoe Rocketry Club: Founder, Project Manager

Sep. 2024 – present

- Led a team student engineers through the design, production, testing, and evaluation processes of various rocketry-related projects.
- Coordinated subteams of chemistry/propulsion, CAD/manufactory, software, and publicity. Oversaw the implementation of, and helped develop, flight computer software using state machines. Oversaw production of solid-propellant rockets in a safe environment.

Arapahoe Computer Science Club: Vice President

Nov. 2022 - present

 Created and compiled practice problems and lessons, organized attendance for coding competitions, and hosted meetings

Arapahoe Mathematics Club: President

Sep. 2022 – present

• Hosted participation in local competitions (CSU Math Day, Colorado Math League, etc.), created practice p-sets and lessons, and recruited new members

Warriors Water Polo Aug. 2021 – present

• Participated in various regional tournaments as a designated captain, hole set: 2022 ABQ regional runner-up, 2024 Colorado High School League runner-up

Wind Crest Senior Living: Server

Mar. 2024 - Feb. 2025

 Provided quality customer service in a fast-paced kitchen, maintaining a safe and clean environment.

Volunteering Experience

Denver Museum of Nature and Science: Docent

Mar. 2024 - present

• Assisted museum visitors in navigating the museum, answering related questions and facilitating emergency contingency plans.

Turkish American Cultural Society of Colorado: Mentor

Jan. 2022 - present

- Volunteered as a mentor at the "Turks without Borders" program, which aims to provide an opportunity for underprivileged K–12 students in Türkiye to engage in weekly conversations with Turkish-American mentors.
- Designed posters and fliers to support the global relief efforts during the events of the 2023 Türkiye-Syria earthquakes, distributed through TACSCO.

Arapahoe High School National Honor Society: Math Tutor

Aug. 2024 - present

• Tutored math students in topics ranging from algebra to fundamental differential calculus.

Skills

Certifications:

- CPR/AED/Lifeguard Certification, issued by the American Red Cross
- 525F Digital Multimeter Certification, issued by Snap-on

Engineering Skills:

- Programming languages: Python3, Java, C++ for Arduino and ESP32, C#
- LaTeX, HTML/CSS
- Git version control

Personal Skills:

• Languages: Turkish (native), English (native), Spanish (B2)

Awards

•	AP Scholar with Distinction	2025
•	National Honor Society Inductee and Member	2024
•	Spanish Honor Society Inductee and Board Member	2024, 2025
•	2nd place, Advanced Programming Division, School of Mines HSPC	2024.
•	3rd place, Novice Programming Division, Lockheed Martin CodeQuest	2023
•	CSU Math Day, top 25% of competitors	2023, 2024
•	ECIS International MathQuest Competition, 4 th place globally 2018	