

MICHELLE BELAKH

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Stuyvesant High School senior with a 4.0 GPA, advanced linguistic research interests, editorial experience, and extensive leadership across academic, cultural, and civic communities. Trilingual in English, Russian, and Spanish. Driven to pursue Linguistics, with particular interest in language structure, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, and the intersection of language, cognition, and community representation.

EDUCATION

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025	Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY GPA 4.0; AP Scholar with Distinction; National Merit Commended Scholar
Sep 2018 – Jun 2021	I.S. 239 Mark Twain Intermediate School for the Gifted & Talented, Brooklyn Honors in Computer Math, Spanish, Mathematics • National Junior Honor Society Manhattan Beach School, Brooklyn Jill Dosik Memorial Award • Brooklyn President’s Creative Writing Award

INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

Jul 2025	Office of Assemblyman William Colton, Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led research on a first-of-its-kind tax-foreclosure case by analyzing constituent complaints and records from DOF and HPD. Recommended an enforcement strategy based on procedural failures.Identified digital engagement gaps and wrote a targeted social-media strategy (calls to action, community-driven polls, hashtag structuring, and event-based video posts), later approved by the Community Liaison.
Aug 2023 – Sep 2023	Office of Councilman Justin Brannan, Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">Filed 300+ constituent service requests on safety, traffic, and sanitation.Coordinated with city agencies to address flooding, street-lighting, and road-repair issues.Supported voter-education events and community meetings.
Jul 2024	Office of Assemblyman William Colton, Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">Partnered with 10+ government agencies to resolve housing and benefits cases.Led Section 8 housing research and community outreach initiatives.
Aug 2024	Offices of State Senators Liz Krueger & Jessica Scarcella-Spanton, Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">Compiled legislative research, drafted press releases, policy briefs, and mental-health resource guides.
Sep 2021 – Present	Dr. ADr. Aleksandr Orlovskiy, Medical Office Intern Aleksandr Orlovskiy Intern, Brooklyn <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supported daily activities, medication organization, and document management for senior clients.
Jul 2024 – Oct 2024	TurnUp.org Youth Activist <ul style="list-style-type: none">Phone-banked 2,500+ voters; earned Relational Voter Registration Certificate.Drafted weekly policy memos to legislators.
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AWARDS & HONORS

- Rhythmic Gymnastics USA Junior Olympics Medalist; New York State Gold Medalist
- U.S. Senate Youth & Government Semifinalist
- LegalEagleBee International Competition — Highest-Scoring Incoming College Student Worldwide (2025)
- Admitted to 2024 Harvard Summer School
- National Spanish Exam: 2× Gold Medalist, 1× Silver Medalist
- Certificate of Excellence in Spanish III (2023, 1 of 2 recipients)
- Spanish National Honor Society
- UPenn Microeconomics Course — Certificate of Completion (Aug 2025)

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- Binghamton Academic Hall** — Vice President (Incoming)
- Plan, organize, and facilitate academic events for 400+ students; serve as weekly liaison between students and the Binghamton College Council.
- Binghamton Pipe Dream Student Newspaper — Opinions Section Writer
- Write analytical and persuasive editorials on culture, linguistics, education, and public discourse.
- Binghamton Linguistics Club — Participant
- Engage in syntax, phonology, language-evolution and computational linguistics workshops and discussions.
- Ukrainian Aid Committee, Founder (Sep 2022 – Present)
- Coordinated with the Red Cross to collect and deliver 450+ relief items to Ukraine.
- Bridges to Hispanic Heritage, Founder (Jun 2023 – Present)
- Organize cultural-exchange events and Spanish-language immersion workshops.
- Volunteer — Alice Tien for Civil Court
- Assist with Spanish-language outreach and community engagement efforts.
- Varsity Rhythmic Gymnastics & Coach
- Mentor young athletes and choreograph competitive routines.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- Skills:** Linguistic analysis · Editorial writing · Research synthesis · Constituent casework · Event coordination · Digital engagement strategy · Microsoft Office · Google Workspace
- Languages:** English (fluent) · Russian (fluent) · Spanish (fluent)