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ANNA LIN
LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Anna Lin has an exceptional innovative spirit, leadership, and commitment to community involvement through a combination of entrepreneurship, STEM advocacy, and academic excellence. At just 15, she founded Innovate To Educate, a youth-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit designed to bridge engineering and technology gaps in rural communities. Through its flagship program, Bright Builders, Anna has engaged over 300 K-8 students in hands-on STEM workshops, while the STEM Stations initiative has distributed 5,000 STEM kits and project guides to libraries across six states. She personally contributes to fundraising, curriculum development, volunteer coordination, and community partnerships, ensuring the programs remain sustainable and impactful.

Beyond her nonprofit work, Anna has served as a development intern for Empower With AI, helping build unhoused.ai, an AI platform connecting over 25,000 resources for unhoused communities across 50 states. Her AI research on limiting LLM errors has earned her acceptance to international workshops hosted by the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI). At Lakeside High School, she is captain of the robotics team, participates in Model UN, maintains a 4.0+ GPA in college-level coursework, and assists in managing her family's restaurant. She is best described as resilient, innovative, and community-driven, and her leadership, technical skill, and dedication make her an inspiring role model.