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About Me

As a high school student preparing for undergraduate study in Industrial Design. Interested in how design can solve everyday problems, improve accessibility, and respond to users' needs. Brings hands-on creative experience, volunteer work, international exposure, and a strong interest in learning from different perspectives and cultures.

EDUCATION

Üsküdar High School
Istanbul, Türkiye

LANGUAGES

Turkish — Native
English —Upper-Intermediate
German – Intermediate

ACADEMIC & DESIGN INTERESTS

- Industrial & product design
- Human-centered design
- Accessibility and inclusive design
- Creative problem solving
- Design thinking and prototyping
- International and youth programs
- Culture, museums and travel

SKILLS

- Sketching and visual observation

CONGRESS/ SYMPOSIUM/ SEMINAR & WORKSOPS

Listener, (4 June, 2026-Seminar, online). Decision Making in Extreme Contexts with Marcello Russo, Scientific Director of the Global MBA at Bologna Business School from Italy.

Listener, (14-16 May, 2026-Congress, in person). Global Design Forum Istanbul, Turkiye.

Listener, (13 May, 2026-Seminar, in person). Industrial Designer Talks. Kadıköy, Istanbul

Trainning, (20 May, 2026, online). Education on Design Theory and Principles provided for four hours via zoom by Uretimhane/ Academy of Arts and Design London

One Day Workshop, (20 May, 2026, in person). Imagine-Design-Create: Discover Design provided two hours in person by Maltepe University, Faculty of Architecture and Design, İstanbul

VOLUNTEER & WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteer intern, (July, 2026). Boğaziçi University Assistive Technology and Education Laboratory for Individuals with Visual Disabilities (GETEM), Istanbul, Türkiye
Volunteer Intern, (July–August 2023**).** Art Underground Downtown, Missouri, USA
Assistant, (June–July 2023). Dilek Hairdresser, Eskişehir, Türkiye

MY HONORS

Achievement, (2025). Certificate of Honor – Academic Achievement and Exemplary Conduct. İstanbul Üsküdar High School

Achievement, (2023). Top 4% Nationwide in the National High School Entrance Exam (LGS). Ministry of National Education (MoNE), Türkiye

- Creative thinking
- Teamwork and communication
- Time management and responsibility
- Cross-cultural collaboration
- Playing piano
- Drawing

SELECTED CREATIVE WORK

- Handmade ukulele — assembled, painted, and personalized from a kit (2026)
- Painting and drawing — ongoing portfolio development

TRAINNIGS

- Khan Academy
- Schoolhouse
- Private English course (Besides school courses) (May 2026-continues)
- Drawing and Designing Course (July 2026-continues)
- STEM & Robotics programming (took classes at elementary and middle schools)
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- Python (July 2026-continues)

Achievement, (2019). Full Merit Scholarship – Özel Şehir Middle School, Eskişehir.

Achievement, (2018). Selected for the Science and Art Centers (BİLSEM) Entrance Examination. Ministry of National Education (MoNE), Türkiye

SELECTED CERTIFICATES

Participation, (2026). Member of schoolhouse since January 2026

Volunteer intern, (July, 2026). Internship at Boğaziçi University Assistive Technology and Education Laboratory for Individuals with Visual Disabilities (GETEM)

Participation, (22May 2026). Design Theory and Principles. Üretimhane / Academy of Arts and Design London

Participation, (2025). “Sanata Açılan Kapı” Painting Exhibition. Üsküdar High School and Üsküdar School District

Assessment, (2022). Oxford Placement Test for Young Learners (B1 (Score:80). Oxford University Press / Şehir College

Participations, (19 March 2022). International Mathematics Kangaroo Competition – Turkey. Kangourou Sans Frontières / Mathematics Kangaroo Turkey

Diploma/Award, (2022). 18th International Science Fundamentals Knowledge Competition – English (3rd Place-winner). URFODU

Achievement, (2022). German Language Semester Certificate (Basic German communication). Şehir Middle School

Achievement, (2022). eTwinning Project: "Now" Project Logo Designing. eTwinning / Şehir College

Achievement, (2022). 18th International Science Fundamentals Knowledge Competition – Mathematics. URFODU

Achievement, (2022). Information Technologies and Coding Program. Digital Informatics Academy

Achievement, (2022). Music Achievement Certificate. Özel Şan Music

Participation, (Fall, 2019). Sports Culture and Olympic Education Program. Turkish Olympic Committee / Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education

Achievement, (25 January, 2018). Taekwondo Belt Examination (red & black). Eskişehir Arı Youth Services Sports Club Association

INTERNATIONAL & CULTURAL EXPOSURE

Participated in family and school travel in the USA and Europe, including Missouri, Chicago, Madison, France, Germany, and Italy.
Visited museums, historical sites, universities, and cultural venues including the Museum of Innocence, Yapı Kredi Modern Art Museum, Topkapı Palace, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul Technical University, Ephesus, and Dolmabahçe Palace.

MY TRAVEL

Italy (April, 2026)
Europe school trip (November, 2025)
USA: Missouri, Chicago & Madison (July-September 2023)
France & Germany (January, 2019);