

Elina Jadhav

Student researcher in public policy, technology and civil liberties

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EDUCATION

Stone Bridge High School *Ashburn, Virginia* Class of 2027

- **Completed:** AP Biology, AP World History, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus AB, AP Psychology, AP English Language, DE U.S. History
- **Senior year:** AP English Literature, AP Calculus BC, AP Government, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Human Geography, DE French

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Research Intern *National Policing Institute* Summer 2026

- Researched community engagement and emerging AI technologies in policing; developed evidence-based recommendations for law enforcement leaders.
- Briefed representatives from 30+ police departments across the East Coast on findings and policy recommendations.

Independent Researcher *AI and Surveillance in Policing* Summer 2025

- Conducted an interview-based study of AI-driven surveillance in Washington, D.C. policing, including facial recognition, license plate readers and real-time crime centers.
- Interviewed experts from Georgetown Law, New York University and the Center for Democracy & Technology.

Publications

- "Involving Communities & Youth in Police Technology Adoption." OnPolicing, National Policing Institute, September 2026.
- "Questioning the Normalization of Surveillance." The Privacy Center at Georgetown Law, February 2026. Written at the invitation of Executive Director Emily Tucker.

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Founder *It Takes A Village (ittav.org)* 2022 – Present

- Built a youth-led civic engagement nonprofit that has reached 11,000+ students through policy education and advocacy programs.
- Raised \$14,000+, established 5+ partnerships and led 100+ student civic action projects.

International Conference Coordinator *AI and the Future of Social Welfare Conference · London School of Economics* Summer 2026

- Only high school student on the four-person organizing team for a two-day international conference at LSE, working under the guidance of faculty from LSE, UC Berkeley and the University of Maryland.
- Researched scholars and institutions for outreach; sent invitations and follow-ups to 50+ scholars, researchers and policymakers; tracked registrations and paper submissions; coordinated moderators, presentation materials, hotel and dinner arrangements and the agenda.
- Managed participant and presentation logistics onsite; continue to support follow-up, including planning for a February OECD/AI meeting.

Intern *Office of Delegate JJ Singh, Virginia House of Delegates* Summer 2026

- Supported community outreach, policy research and constituent engagement; selected for the Delegate's High School Leadership Summit.

Journalist *Loudoun Community Times Journal* 2025 – Present

- Report on local policy changes, civic issues and community affairs.

Founder & President *UNICEF Club* 2021 – Present

- Founded the school's first UNICEF chapter (100+ members); co-host the annual Multicultural Student Festival with Global Ambassadors.

Member <i>DECA</i>	2023 – Present
Developed an award-winning DECA corporate social responsibility strategy focused on Apple Federal Credit Union; ICDC qualifier (2024, 2026); Virginia State top 10 (5th, 7th).	
Board Member, Fundraising & UNICEF Lead <i>Global Ambassadors</i>	2024 – Present
Student Board Member <i>PTSO, 1 of 4 students selected</i>	2025 – Present
PEER Leader <i>1 of 8 students selected in grade</i>	2025 – Present

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Founder & Owner <i>Elina Bakes</i>	2018 – Present
- Built a profitable custom cake business serving 450+ customers; independently manage marketing, budgeting, client relations and fulfillment. - Mentored in advanced baking and presentation by Food Network's Sasha Nary.	

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Yale Young Global Scholars <i>Solving Global Challenges</i>	Summer 2025
Selected for the approximately 150-student Solving Global Challenges session; developed a policy project with international peers and served on the program's social media team.	
Brown University Pre-College <i>Human Rights and Advocacy in the United States</i>	Summer 2026
Debated civil liberties cases and delivered a final advocacy speech on AI policing under human rights law.	

HONORS & AWARDS

- International Finalist**, The Yale Politic Investigative Journalism Competition (top 10 of 1,000+), 2026
- Extraordinary Service Award**, AI and the Future of Social Welfare Conference, LSE
- Winner**, Loudoun Times Creative Writing Competition; published in Loudoun County Magazine
- DECA**, 2× International (ICDC) Qualifier; 2× Virginia State Top 10; District Top 3