

AVI GUPTA

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Avi Gupta is a 2019 graduate of the Catlin Gabel School in Portland, OR and an incoming freshman at Columbia University with a passion for science, social entrepreneurship, and activism. A trivia lover, Avi won the 2019 Jeopardy Teen Tournament, which aired in June 2019. Using his platform as Jeopardy Teen Champion, Avi has partnered with the Knight Cancer Institute to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer research and early detection in honor of Alex Trebek. Avi founded and leads Project32, a student-run social startup that uses the power of education to tackle dental disease in youth. Since its inception in 2016, Project32 has provided thousands of dental hygiene kits to children in the U.S., India, Guatemala, and Haiti. As a student researcher at Oregon Health and Science University, Avi's novel work on vascular disease and synthetic blood vessel design has been accepted to peer-reviewed journals and presented at national conferences. Avi was designated an Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist in 2019. In recognition of his accomplishments as a young scientist, Avi was an invited panelist at the 2019 ScienceFest PDX (formerly March for Science).



An avid chess player, Avi co-founded Catlin Gabel Chess. Under his leadership, Catlin Gabel Chess has won several state and city championships. They have also worked to promote chess worldwide, most notably in Equatorial Guinea, and organized numerous statewide tournaments. Avi loves to play basketball and is a lifelong Portland Trail Blazers fan.

In recognition of his efforts, Avi has been honored with national and regional awards including the AXA Achievement Award, the Daily Point of Light Award (established by late President George H.W. Bush) and the Al Tauscher Teen Recognition Award. His accomplishments have also been covered extensively on local and international media. Beginning this fall, Avi will pursue an undergraduate degree at Columbia University's Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science as an Egleston Scholar, the highest possible designation offered to incoming students. He plans to continue his efforts to raise support pancreatic cancer research, Project32, his partnership with the international chess community, and his efforts to promote environmental sustainability.