

## Letter of Intent | Arvin Shyam

I wasn't always great at scioly or school, but looking back I'm so grateful about how much this club has pushed me, and the opportunities I got from it. I learned how to self-study at a gargantuan scale, I got interested in subjects that led me to new connections and projects, I got a serious passion for everything STEM, and a lot of motivation. The single best thing that's happened to me is this Scioly journey, I previously thought I was just a below-average guy, I didn't even get the magnet applications in 8th grade, I've lost in events countless times, but I really learned from each one. Moreover, I wanted to be on top, be on Black team, and win. I had a ways to go and initially not much support, my parents never really pushed me, and I lacked networking skills initially.

But I soon figured out how to win, I taught myself how to think big, and think a step ahead. To get multiple skills, get into rabbit holes and keep learning as much as I can, explain things to myself, I really built the values that define me now, the only person that can make you quit is yourself, be innovative, work hard, push yourself to your limit, then a little more. I kept winning more, soon I made it to Black, I won 5 medals at Camas Invite, regionals, 4 at state, and to my surprise I was at the level of Tesla Stem's best and I had kids looking up to me. I'm also proud to say I've written and helped write 6 tests for scioly, and proctor several div A events, as well as peer review several for Camas invite. I developed my eccentric attitude I try to spread to the team, if I can make everyone laugh, give a boost of motivation by standing up and cheering + clapping, that makes me happy. It makes me happy to teach others, especially when kids come to me, building tips or spreading my knowledge, I'm proud to say I've helped and motivated several kids in B and C division. Throughout the year I was seeking to be one of the best in Washington Scioly, I'd like to say academically I'm there, and socially I can rally the team from middle school to senior.

Even though I'll be a senior next year, I'm immune to senioritis, I work hard and think out of the box and you can't convince me to quit, that's me. I'm an eccentric character who wants to motivate other around me, as I do in our school, I genuinely live for the purpose of making society better, hence I started my ocean farming project, by the way the interest in STEM scioly gave me lead to that. If you're looking for a hard-working, creative, experienced, overly proactive, extrovert, successful scioly kid who got everything he has through self-motivation not parents pushing him. And went from failing school to top of the class and always advocating for scioly and helping other around him because he thinks it's the best thing life has given him, I will give you nothing less. I also want to add that I'm currently coordinating and rallying our school the most from now and the summer so we can win state again and make the best club and team for everything next year (hosting div A, Camas invites, travels, much more), so I'm legitimately looking to be able to work

with Scioly's leaders so I can best support everyone in Washington Scioly (especially logistics + student input for Washington events and competitions, don't get me started about my interest with that, I have so much ideas and input to give the board), and my district.