# Akanksha Gavade

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## EDUCATION

**Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA**                                        Expected graduation: May 2026
Integrated Business and Engineering Honors Program – Industrial & Systems Engineering, Finance dual degree        GPA: 3.46
**Skills**: Java, Python, Tableau, Salesforce, Photoshop, CAD, MS Office, Google Suite | Problem-solving, leadership, communication

DGET Jr. College, Thane, India                                                    Graduated in 2022
Graduated with First Class Distinction
Top 6 out of 230,000~ students taking Grade 10 National Board Exams (ICSE)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Global Social Impact Fellow, Lehigh University & Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan**        January 2023 - Present
● Lead author and presenter of the research paper accepted by Global Humanitarian Technology Conference 2023
● Initiated partnership with the Ministry of Education, Kazakhstan to implement the app in 500+ public and private schools
● Led the research part of the product testing phase of the app, conducting 6 focus groups with 30+ potential users
● Spearheaded business development, financial modeling, and relationship management for the Save Tuba tech venture

**Work Study, Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, Lehigh University**        August 2022 – August 2023
● Managed all events hosted by the College of Arts and Science, including 3 career fairs, 2 meet-and-greets, and 1 retreat
● Facilitated all office work including inventory, organizing mail, answering phones, guiding visitors

**Data Analyst, Talerang (Harvard Business School Project, Start-Up)**        June 2020
● Interviewed 100+ undergraduates to collect information on their internship and educational experience to determine which
  demographic the company should focus on (market research) using Google Analytics, Power BI
● Discerned patterns and trends in participation; compiled my findings and directly reported to the CEO
● Social Media Marketing. Created 4 marketing videos and flyers that increased Instagram engagement by 20%

## LEADERSHIP

**President, Scholars of Finance, Lehigh Chapter**                             August 2023 - Present
● Increased member applications by 67% and member retention by 150%, through marketing and engagement efforts
● Planned and executed 3 speaker sessions, 3 technical workshops and 7 week leadership program with 90%+ attendance
● As former VP Finance & Operations, strategizing and executing 6 speaker events and 3 day trips with NYU and Columbia

**President, Lehigh Consulting Group, Lehigh University**                      November 2023 – Present
● Former VP Operations: planned & executed Annual Lehigh Consulting Summit with all-time high attendance of 130 students
● Launched the competitive Analyst Program and BA Education Series for 50 students and secured 3 out of 6 clients
● Established new partnerships with College of Business to fund consulting-related educational and networking events

**Senator, Student Senate XXXV, Lehigh University**                           January 2023 – May 2023
● Committee: Club Affairs. Interviewed and approved 17 new clubs for Spring 2023. Passed 2 bills in full senate unanimously.
● Organized bimonthly club networking events and learning opportunities for club leaders

**Executive Board Member, Residence Hall Association, Lehigh University**      January 2023 – May 2023
● Raised $113,435 for the Bezos Family Foundation and their Students Rebuild Initiative to Welcoming Refugees Project
● Hand-picked to work in the RHA to improve the quality of life of 2500+ members of Lehigh University Residence Halls
● Oversaw a $37,000 budget to execute 5 social and educational events attended by 300+ students
● Funded 40+ cultural, volunteer and networking events impacting 1000+ students

## RESEARCH

**Researcher, Cornell University's Information Science Engineering Department with Dr. Nicola Dell**        July 2021 - Present
● Co-author and presenter of research paper in ACM COMPASS 2023 in South Africa
● Research in Human-Computer Interaction for Development (HCI4D) – "Pandemic, Hybrid teaching and Stress".
● Evaluated and collated 100+ research papers for the literature review. Conducted, coded, and analyzed 28 interviews.

**Paid Researcher, Lehigh University's Computer Science Engineering Department with Dr. Eric Baumer** August 2022 - Present
● Designed a legal AI document management system to assist lawyers in building their cases
● Research in Participation Design Techniques, Artificial intelligence, Machine learning, Data Journalism & Visualization
● Analyzed and coded 25 interviews, thematic analysis through data extraction, and reported my findings weekly