

SAKSHI K.

Tenacious, Honest, Exuberant

"There's **nothing wrong with being afraid**. It's not the absence of fear; it's overcoming it. **Sometimes you've got to blast through** and **have faith**."

- Emma Watson



BIOGRAPHY



Sakshi K. has been part of the 49ers STEM Leadership Institute (SLI) since seventh grade. Over her six years in SLI, Sakshi has grown into a person who loves to explore new STEM fields. She thoroughly enjoys the knowledge she has gained from her yearly participation in the Synopsys Science Fair, which has given her the opportunity to investigate topics in areas ranging from plant biology to engineering. She has been interning at a developmental biology lab where she is learning more about proteins and coding. She is considering majoring in biology in college. As the founder of the KAST (Kids Are Scientists Too) club at her school, Sakshi creates lesson plans and teaches younger children, hoping to spark their interest for science in the same way that she was inspired. Her connection with younger children extends back to the time when she used to mentor kids for their FIRST Robotics Competitions.

In her spare time, Sakshi can be found trying new food with her family, listening to music, and pursuing her interest in photography. Her favorite photography experience was eagerly waiting for three hours to capture a meteor.