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Fontana Unified Senior Receives Full Ride Scholarship to MIT, Focuses Future on Equity in Education

FONTANA, CA – At an age when many of his classmates are learning to drive a car, Henry J. Kaiser High School senior Amitoj Lobana will be driving to MIT in the fall to pursue a full ride scholarship. Lobana's goal is to use his education to bring about the betterment of the world around him. What he loves most about MIT is the school environment. MIT is completely focused on learning and every student is important. I want to make the most out of my opportunities. I believe that everything is a gift.

Lobana showed a capacity for accelerated learning in his earliest years, which led to him skipping 7th grade. By middle school, Lobana had advanced rapidly in math and science courses and wanted to pursue a more rigorous academic schedule. Skipping eighth grade, Lobana arrived at Kaiser High as a 12-year-old freshman, making an immediate impact by winning a gold medal at a regional science fair.

As a junior, Lobana was part of a science fair team that won numerous awards for a project that demonstrated how salt could be pulled from farm crops to address soil failure in coastal and salt affected regions in the world. Lobana and his team won a U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize and the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Sciences and Environmental Engineering Award.

Lobana's commitment to service has been shaped by his numerous extracurricular activities at Kaiser High. Joining Key Club as a freshman, Lobana honed his leadership skills, logging more than 150 hours of volunteer community work, and rising from the position of webmaster in his freshman year to president in his senior year.

Lobana is a member of California Scholars Federation, National Honor Society, Pi Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, Link Crew, Academic Decathlon, is an AP Physics tutor, and has never missed a day of school.

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