

## About Me

I am an undergraduate freshman based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I love algorithm, programming, poems, painting, debate, outdoor sports and whatever feels right and exciting for me.

Programming contest is a kind of sports, no different from running. Online speed programming contests are especially exciting and competitive. You have to prepare and be ready to finish reading a problem and coding a 20-lines program in 2-3 minutes in order to beat your opponents. Your heart beats faster, when you wait in front of your computer, staring at the countdown. It has a sync scoreboard. You can also hack other people's codes to win points!!!

If I realize that I'm not among the smartest kids in the classroom, I'll definitely be more hard-working, I won't feel depressed but feel excited. I love realizing my weakness and confronting difficulties, because I know they make me conscious and tell me that I can become an even better person. I always believe that the most powerful ability we have is the ability to improve ourselves. Jack Ma (Alibaba CEO) once said, "I am very excited if I see my opponents are stronger than me in present, because I know that I will beat them and become the stronger in the future."

My favorite event the past year is staying with a host family in Napa with 2 horses, 3 big birds, 1 wild cat, 4 hunting dogs, 3 vegetable gardens, and 30 sheep as our neighbors!

This year, I spent my 7-day life on a wonderful wilderness trip with 13 fellow FOPpers. Waking with the sun, walking through the trees, paddling in a canoe and sleeping under the stars all combine to make a special experience. It was a bit tiring but incredibly fun!!!

Favorite quote: "Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real." ~Tupac Shakur