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She was a 2021 Emerson Fellow and 2018-2019 Mozilla Fellow, a 2017 Presidential Leadership Scholar, a Council on Foreign Relations term member, and a Truman National Security Fellow. She is the author of *The Hardware Startup: Building your Product, Business, and Brand* and has degrees in Computer Science and Political Science from Stony Brook University.