

Shayesta Haqjo

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EDUCATION

- Girls to Uni Program** | [Kaaj Education](#) Mar 2025 – Jan 2026
10-month, Grade A in all courses (ESL, academic writing, digital literacy, web development). Built Kaaj Cafe Website for Kaaj alumni.
- High School (12th Grade)** | [Firdowsi High School](#) Mar – Dec 2025
Graduated 4.0 GPA. Volleyball team. Conducted collaborative research project on STEM education.
- Professional Learning Center** Feb – Oct 2025
Gained proficiency in HTML, CSS, Python, WordPress. Strengthening academic writing and research skills. University CS preparation.
- Thrive Afghanistan Program** | [Kiron Open Higher Education](#) Nov 2023 – Dec 2024
9-month, 70+ hours program: web development, graphic design, digital marketing. Capstone and peer-reviewed projects.
- Sajadia Number Yak High School (Grades 1–11)** 2011 – 2022
Graduated 4.0 GPA. 1st Place, Province-Wide Essay Competition (Balkh, 2020). British Council School Projects Participant.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING

- Learner Advisory Board** | [Kiron Open Higher Education](#) Jan 2026 – Present
Represented student needs; evaluated course accessibility and usability for 197,000+ global learners; collaborated with academic/product teams on inclusive program design.
- Co-Founder & Technology Lead** | **Rebuild with STEAM** Mar – Nov 2025
 - Initiative founded to address the digital education gap for Afghan youth. Delivered 4+ hours/week coding & digital literacy. Designed STEAM activities to build creativity and confidence in using technology.
- Student Coordinator** | [Education Bridge for Afghanistan](#) Sep – Dec 2025
Coordinated TLM certification prep for 30+ students; managed schedules, tracked progress, and provided resources.
- Designer Intern** | [Kabul Scholarship Portal](#) Oct 2024 – Dec 2024
Created posters simplifying scholarships for Afghan students. Increased accessibility to international opportunities through clear visuals.
- Teacher Assistant** | [Flying Wings](#) Aug – Oct 2024
Assisted teachers in delivering lessons for 100+ students.; one-on-one reinforcement; progress tracking to maintain engagement.

RECOGNITIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Leadership Training** | **Girls for Girls & Women in Tech (CFLI/FCIL)** Oct – Nov 2024
Selected for international program: professional development, cross-cultural mentorship, women's advancement in tech.
- Women Ascension Member** | ID: WA_M_25_123 Jan 2025 – Present
Global nonprofit, 5 continents. Leadership workshops, cross-cultural networks, UN SDG initiatives.

PROJECTS

- The Forest of Dreams** | **Digital Storybook** [View](#)
Transforming the struggles of Afghan girls denied education into narratives of resilience. Highlighting learning as pathways to growth.
- Kaaj Cafe Website** [View](#)
Built for Kaaj Alumni, highlighting a social impact where each purchase supports girls' education, digital skills, and university access.
- ScholarPath AI** [Try it](#)
AI-powered university and scholarship advisor built on Fobizz. Personalized university matching and step-by-step application roadmaps. Integrated via Claude 4.5 web search, built on ethical AI principles
- Read to Lead Bookstore** [View](#)
E-commerce website, expanded access to books through a fast, multilingual (English/Dari/Pashto), and accessible platform.

CERTIFICATES

- Python Programming** | State University of New York College at Potsdam (2025) [View](#)
- Artificial intelligence** | SkillForward Program & Kiron (2026) [View](#)
- AI Fluency** | Anthropic (2026) [View](#)
- Web Development** | Board Infinity & Coursera (2025) [View](#)
- WordPress 101** | Packt & Coursera (2026) [View](#)
- Prompt Engineering** | SoloLearn (2025) [View](#)
- Research Methods** | University of London & Coursera (2025) [View](#)
- Emerging Talent** | 21st Century Girls (2025) [View](#)
- Graphic Design** | CALARTS & Coursera (2024) [View](#)

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- Tech:** Python, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript, WordPress, Git/GitHub, Responsive Design, LLMs foundation, VS code
- Design & Tools:** Figma, Canva, Premiere Pro, Miro, Google Workspace
- Soft Skills:** Communication, Problem Solving, Cross-Cultural Collaboration, Leadership, Mentoring
- Languages:** Dari (native), English (proficient), Pashto (Beginner), Urdu (Beginner)