

Anya Gunnar

EDUCATION

Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, NY

Class of 2027

- National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist (11) · AP Scholar with Honor (11) · Cum Laude Society, Magna Cum Laude (11)
- 2nd Place, Medicine, Somers Science Fair (10) · Science Olympiad: New York State championship team (9–10)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

New York State Certified EMT

Gr. 12

- Earned NYS EMT certification by completing the course, passing the practical skills assessments, and passing the state exam.
- Ride as an EMT with a volunteer ambulance corps: take medical histories, assess patients, and transport them to the hospital.

Captain (12) / Junior Corps Member (11–12), Mt. Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps, NY

Gr. 11–12

- Lead the junior corps: schedule shifts, supervise squad readiness, and coordinate training for youth volunteers.
- Selected for a youth first-responder program on medical and trauma emergency response; trained in CPR, AED, and first aid.
- Commit 10–15 hours a month to weekly shifts: stock ambulances, maintain equipment, and attend ongoing medical training.

Member, Alzheimer's Impact Association (online program)

Gr. 10–11

- Advocated for Alzheimer's and dementia research funding and bipartisan legislation to improve care and advance treatment.

RESEARCH, INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND CAREER EXPLORATION

Student Researcher, Horace Greeley High School Science Research Program

Gr. 10

- “The Effect of Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist on Telomere Length in Alzheimer's Disease”
- Presented research at the regional Somers Science Fair and won 2nd Place in Medicine.

Student, Columbia University Pre-College Summer Program, New York, NY

Summer, Gr. 9–10

- Completed an in-person neuroscience program, learning directly from active neuroscience researchers.
- Provided care for patients with neurological diseases and disorders.

ATHLETICS

Varsity Tennis, Horace Greeley High School

Gr. 10–12

- Doubles, NYS Champion (10); NYS Finalist (11); Sectionals Champion (12); NYS Championship pending.
- Train through pre-, off-, and in-season practices and play weekly matches against area varsity teams.

Competitive Junior Tennis, AITA (Armonk), Old Oaks CC (Purchase)

Gr. 9–12

- Train with other junior players and compete in USTA league matches in singles and doubles.

EMPLOYMENT

Ball Crew, US Open Grand Slam Tennis Tournament (USTA), Flushing, NY

Summers, Gr. 9–12

- Selected competitively for the on-court crew; trained rigorously in ball handling, court etiquette, and serving top tennis players.

Tennis Instructor, Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club, Chappaqua, NY

Spring 11; Summers 11–12

- Teach children and teens in after-school and summer camp programs; coach beginners on technique, rules, and strategy.

SCHOOL-BASED CLUBS AND COMMITMENTS

Executive (12) / Member (10–12), Chemistry Club, Horace Greeley High School

Gr. 10–12

- Prepare students for the Chemistry Olympiad exam and host guest speakers on real-world applications of chemistry.

Executive / Member, Invitational Science Olympiad, Horace Greeley High School

Gr. 11–12

- Help run an annual virtual event that prepares middle schoolers for Science Olympiad: contact teams, organize supervisors.

Team Member, Science Olympiad, Horace Greeley High School

Gr. 9–10

- Competed on the NYS championship team; placed 1st in Write It Do It, 5th in Entomology, 6th in Tower (2024 regionals).

Member, Women in STEM Club, Horace Greeley High School

Gr. 10–12

- Discuss issues facing women in STEM, hear guest speakers, and explore healthcare, engineering, and computer science careers.

ART AND CREATIVE WORK

Painter, Illustrator, and Crochet Artist, self-directed

Pre-K–Gr. 12

- Built a continuous body of work in painting, illustration, and fiber arts from early childhood through high school; maintain a digital portfolio of projects showing growth in technical skill.