

Pooja

Center: Kumon of Sterling – Cascades Parkway

Branch: Washington, D.C.

Instructor: Christen Chow

Education: Harvard University 2015 – 2019



	Math	Reading
<i>Enrollment Date</i>	05/01/02	01/12/02
<i>Age at Enrollment</i>	4	4
<i>Starting Point</i>	4A1	7A1
<i>Level J Completion</i>	J by 4	J by 4
<i>Program Completion</i>	06/10	07/08
<i>Age at Completion</i>	12	11

About Pooja:

Pooja is a dual completer from Washington, D.C. and has currently finished her last year at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. She is the founder and CEO at ProjectCSGirls, a non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in computer science and technology through running a national computer science competition for middle school girls and hosting workshops around the country. ProjectCSGirls is completely youth-driven by high school and college-aged students. Pooja has done extensive research in biochemistry and neuroscience including developing a new way to diagnose concussions with up to 90% accuracy and developing an app that helps diagnose patients with Parkinson's disease with up to 96% accuracy. She is also a lover of English and literature and will be attending Harvard this fall. (Pooja applied to eight Ivy League schools and was accepted to all of them.) Pooja says that what drives her in life is her desire to make a difference. She believes that because of her research or her mentorship with her non-profit, she hopes that something she does will have a positive impact on someone else and could therefore change the world. She says that Kumon taught her dedication and because of the support from her parents and mentors, she believes that anything is achievable.