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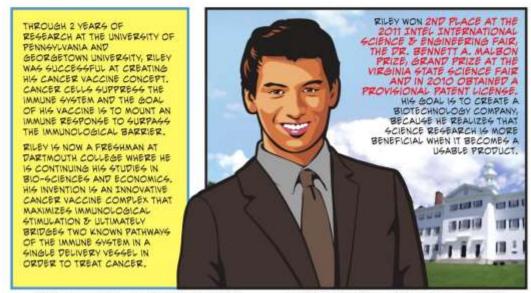
RILEY'S MOM INSTILLED IN HIM THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING. HE VOLUNTEERS AT THE NATIONAL AGUARIUM IN BALTIMORE AND ALSO WITH CHILDREN SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR AUTISM AND CHILDREN'S HEART DISEASE.

DURING HA JUNIOR YEAR, RILEY WORKED AT THE CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER WHERE HE NOTICED A YOUNG GIRL WHO SHOWED ALL THE SIGNS OF CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIATION. THIS GAVE HIM A NEW PASSION TO DEVELOP CANCER TREATMENTS





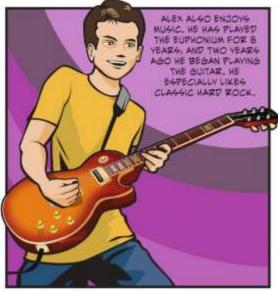
IN MAY 2010, RILEY SPOKE AT A LARGE RELAY FOR LIFE RALLY. WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT HIS CANCER VACCINE PROJECT, HE NOTICED SOME PEOPLE BEGAN CRYING. AFTERWARDS, HE REALIZED THE IMMENSE IMPORTANCE OF NEW CANCER DISCOVERIES. HIS INVESTIGATIVE WORK TOOK ON A NEW MEANING. HIS FOCUS WAS NOT ON GETTING A GOOD GRADE ON HIS PROJECT OR WINNING AN AWARD AT INTEL, BUT MAKING AN IMPACT ON A PERSON'S LIFE.



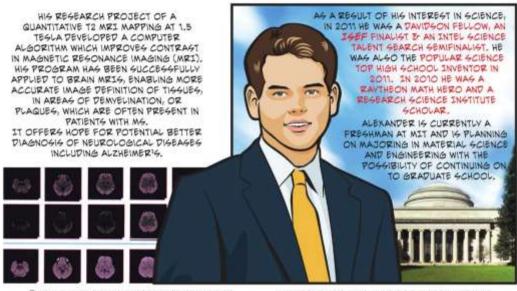
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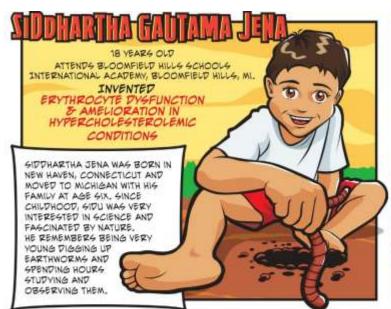


HE BECAME INTERESTED IN RESEARCH AFTER
TAKING HIS ADVANCED MATH & SCIENCE
COURSES DURING HIS SOPHOMORE YEAR IN
HIGH SCHOOL. HE WORKED AT NIH (NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH), AND HE SPENT THE
FOLLOWING SUMMER WORKING AT THE
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL IN
NEUROIMMUNOLOGY BRANCHES. THERE HE
FOCUSED ON IMPROVING MRI CONTRAST WITH
A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND AN EX-VIVO
HISTOCHEMICAL STAIN RESPECTIVELY.



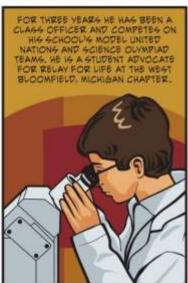
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GIDU HAS ENJOYED
TRAVELING TO ASIA AND
EUROPE WITH HIS
PARENTS. HE ESPECIALLY
LIKES THE TRIPS TO HIS
PARENTS' NATIVE INDIA
WHERE HE HAS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
ABOUT SCIENCE WITH HIS
GRANDFATHER WHO IS A
CHEMIST. HE LIKES
EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT
CULTURES AND FOOD.







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