

# YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

## SUHANI GUPTA

NOMINATOR: SHIKHA VERMA



Dublin has always been Suhani Gupta's home, and her unwavering dedication to this city is reflected in everything she does. As the founder of the Neuro Health Alliance, a mental health nonprofit, she partnered with the Dublin Unified School District to develop interactive anti-cyberbullying training programs. Through her leadership with the Dublin Mayor's Council, and in collaboration with former Mayor Hernandez, she organized impactful mental health campaigns that brought resources and support to students and families while breaking down stigmas. Seeing her light up while sharing the progress of these initiatives, it is clear how much she cares about making a meaningful difference.

At Dublin High, Suhani has worked tirelessly as Junior Class Vice President to make school a welcoming place for everyone. She has planned school spirit rallies, homecoming events, and initiatives that bring students together, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Beyond these events, Suhani has focused on advancing educational equity, ensuring that every student feels included and supported.

Having witnessed her efforts firsthand, I have been inspired by her ability to connect with people and make them feel valued. Whether mentoring young students at Empower Martial Arts or organizing events that unite the community, Suhani always leads with compassion and determination. Her work goes far beyond individual projects. Suhani's leadership helped create a place where others can see and appreciate Dublin for the home that she sees.

Suhani's journey has come with its share of challenges. While balancing her responsibilities as a student, Junior Class Vice President, and leader of several community initiatives, she has also navigated her own struggles with mental health. These personal experiences have deepened her passion for advocating for others, enabling her to address sensitive topics like mental health and cyberbullying with genuine empathy and understanding. Even with a demanding schedule and the emotional weight of her efforts, Suhani has stayed committed to creating meaningful change, using her own experiences to build connections and inspire those she helps. The support of the Dublin community has been essential in helping Suhani make an impact. The Dublin Unified School District partnered with her to develop and prepare for the launch of her anti-cyberbullying training programs. Local nonprofits and families worked with her to bring mental health awareness campaigns to life, supporting and educating residents. The Mental Health Dublin Mayor's Council group provided her with guidance and a platform to amplify her initiatives and reach broader audiences. At Empower Martial Arts, Suhani mentored and inspired young students, deepening her ties to the community. This support has helped Suhani give back to Dublin, her home.