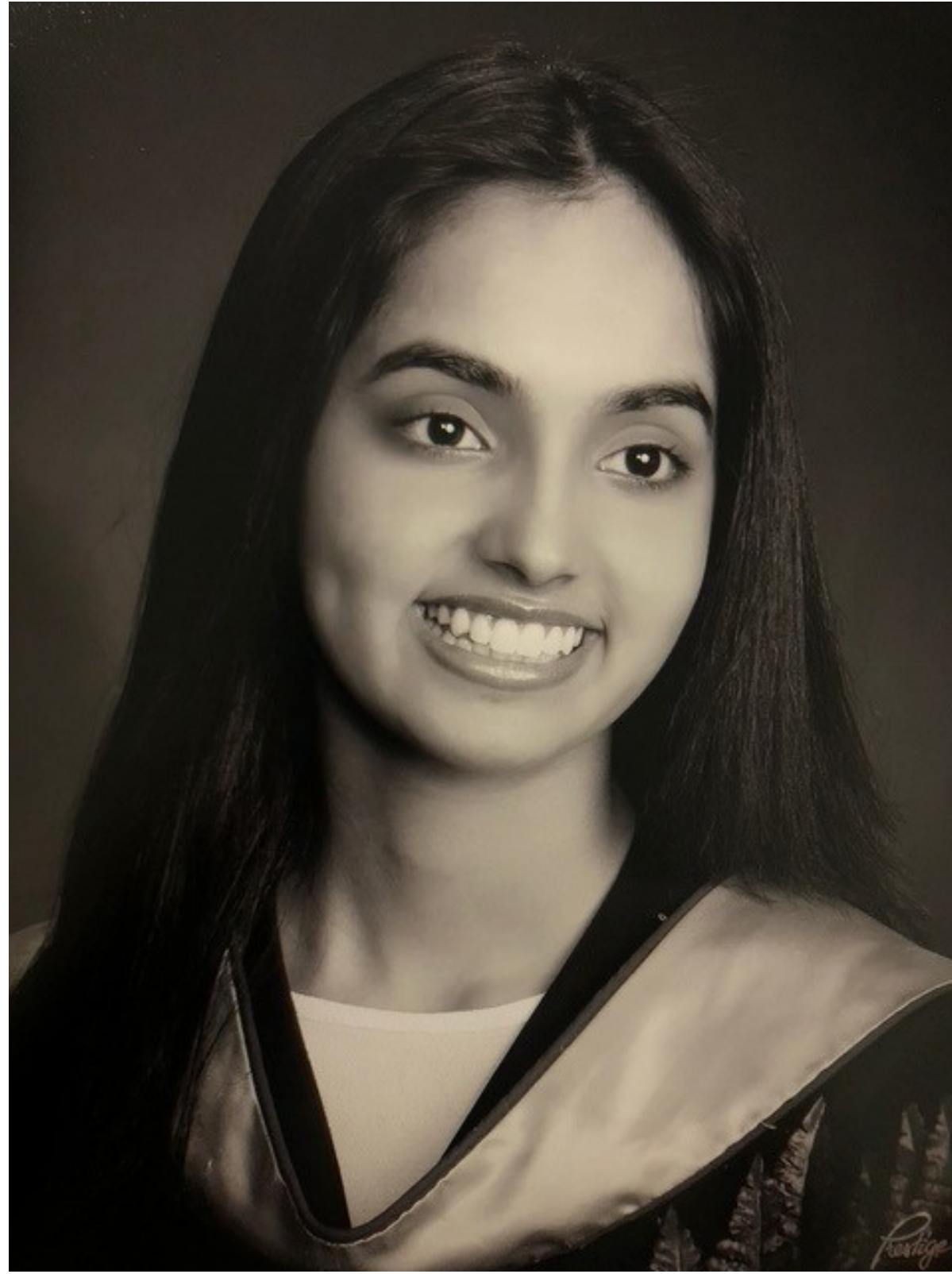


**FINDING
AFRICA: AN
EXPLANATION
BY ASHA
STUDENTS**

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About the Project

In the past, scholars have conceptualized development as a process predicated on economic growth and conformity to Western institutions. This project is a journey that attempts to articulate African development through a different lens – one that helps the audience find Africa among misinformed, misinterpreted, and primarily Western rhetoric. By focusing on three specific case studies in Niger, Eritrea, and Ghana, this project explores how local Indigenous knowledge systems can aid in Africa's economic, political, and social development. While the project does not attempt to replace previous knowledge, it does hope to add a different dimension to pre-existing narratives.



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