Naomi Ivie

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EDUCATION

Wesleyan University **Middletown, CT**
Bachelor of Arts, **Major**: *Economics,* **Minor:** *Data Analysis,* **mGPA:** 3.5/4.0 Sept. 2023 - May 2027

- **Inaugural Cohort, Wesleyan African Scholars** - Selected within first group of high-achieving African students recognized for leadership and academic excellence; awarded **$360K merit scholarship**
- **MIT Sloan Africa Business Challenge 2026 -** Won 2nd place for building an AI voice tutor in 48 hours; overcame deep business model scrutiny; pitched to 100+ judges, MBA students, and attendees.

Dartmouth Tuck School of Business Bridge **Hanover, NH**
Tuck MBA faculty-led business program in Finance, Accounting, Strategy, Leadership and Marketing Jan. 2026

- Pitched DCF valuation of Coca-Cola ($250B+ market cap) to **Goldman Sachs MD and Bain Capital Partner**.

African Leadership Academy **Johannesburg, SA**
5% Acceptance Rate boarding school accepting students who want to change Africa Sept. 2021 - May 2023

- 10/10 A*s in IGCSE Exams and **Highest National Mark** in High School Theatre Coursework (97%)

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- **Hackathon First Place, Morgan Hacks 2026** *(built model to recognize ASL and convert to speech)* 2026 Recipient
- **Wesleyan New Venture Awards First Place Winner** *(first at Wesleyan's new venture competition)* 2026 Recipient
- **Oxford Map the System Runner Up** *(Wesleyan Round)* 2025 Recipient
- **High School Valedictorian** *(for the best graduating student of 70+ class)* 2021 Recipient
- **Best Student in Economics** *(for best graduating student in economics of 70+ class)* 2021 Recipient

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sabi, Lagos, NG Feb. 2026 - Present
Founder | AI that teaches children through phone calls; no internet, no smartphone, no cost

- Engineered full tech pipeline for Sabi, an AI voice agent that teaches users basic literacy and numeracy using phone calls; aiming for Nigeria's **41M+ undereducated children** at $0.50–$5 per-student infrastructure cost.
- Accepted to UNICEF Inaugural **AI Ventures Accelerator**, supporting women founders, with $10,000 equity-free prize.
- Optimized product through 2+ years of user research on education barriers. Finalist at Schmidt Futures and Oxford Rhodes' Trust youth leadership accelerator Rise for the World.

Model African Union Conference, Johannesburg, SA Mar. 2022 - Feb. 2023
Director of Logistics | Top annual Pan-African diplomacy summit simulating the AU

- Directed $100K+ budget and logistics for 200-delegate conference from 30 countries
- Developed structured fundraising strategy and executed 3 investment pitches, raising ~$10K, resulting in a 30-fold increase of scholarship recipients compared to previous years.

Wesleyan University ITS, Middletown, CT Sept. 2025 - Present
ITS Help Desk Technician | Frontline IT support for Wesleyan's students, faculty, and staff

- Resolve 20+ student support tickets weekly via the help desk with 85% first-contact resolution.
- Answer the phone for over 400 faculty and staff, troubleshooting software, hardware, and connectivity issues across Windows and macOS environments while documenting resolutions in the ticketing system.

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Patricelli Center for Entrepreneurship, Social Impact Fellow Sept. 2024 - Present

- Completed social impact fellowship, pitching to **the Irish UN Ambassador and CNN's former president.**
- Won $9,200 in grant funding to build the first stages of Sabi pilot in Lagos, Nigeria.

Wes_Code Club, Executive Board Member Sept. 2025 - Present

- Organized 8 events, raised over $2,000 for members to attend hackathons; empowering 200 Wesleyan students.
- Led outreach initiatives to recruit new members, resulting in a **30% increase** in club participation.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Computer:** Built full-stack applications in React and React Native, Swift, Python, and Java; Learned Stata, R, Git
- **Content:** Davinci Resolve, Capcut, Canva
- **Interests:** Basketball, Acapella, Guitar, Content Creation, Painting, Cooking