# Zach Yadegari’s Cal AI app revolutionises calorie tracking with artificial intelligence



Zach Yadegari, an 18-year-old coding prodigy from Long Island, has developed a groundbreaking calorie-tracking app called Cal AI that is making waves in the tech and health industries. The application, which leverages artificial intelligence to provide users with detailed nutritional information, has surpassed five million downloads and is projected to generate $30 million in revenue in 2024.

Yadegari’s passion for coding began at a young age. "I would binge-watch YouTube videos," he explained, reflecting on how he self-taught his skills. His early ventures into technology include selling his first website to an international gaming company for a six-figure sum at just 16 years old.

Cal AI was born out of Yadegari’s frustration with existing nutrition apps. Unlike traditional calorie counters, the app allows users to scan food items, with the AI analysing images to estimate calories, as well as protein, carbohydrates, and fat content. "It will be much more accurate than you estimating by yourself just visually," Yadegari stated. He believes that the future lies in a harmonious balance between human input and AI capabilities, remarking, "I think this balance between a human and AI interaction is really where the future is headed."

Alongside managing a team of 17 full-time employees, many older than himself, Yadegari is simultaneously completing his senior year at Roslyn High School, maintaining an impressive 4.0 GPA. Despite achieving a strong 34 ACT score, Yadegari faced disappointment during his college application process. He was rejected by 15 out of the 18 universities he applied to, including several Ivy League institutions.

Reflecting on this experience, Yadegari expressed his thoughts on social media platform X, where his post quickly gained viral attention, amassing over 28 million views. "I wanted to cultivate a community. I guess it is their loss. I'll find somewhere else to do it," he said, indicating a resolve to pursue his goals irrespective of the rejections.

Yadegari also offered advice to aspiring coders: "My advice is always to get started now." His story highlights a young entrepreneur’s rise in the tech world alongside the challenges of navigating traditional academic pathways. The FOX 5 New York report notes the widespread interest in his journey and the ongoing conversation about how elite universities assess unconventional accomplishments like entrepreneurial success.

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