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## EDUCATION

### University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, IL

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering*

Class of 2027

*Dean's List (Top 20% of class)*

GPA: 3.9

*James Scholar - University Honors Program*

*Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Systems Programming*

## EXPERIENCE

### Tech Lead and Web Developer

Apr. 2024 - Present

*Illinois Global Review*

Urbana, IL

- Spearheaded development of a scalable news website using Python, HTML, and CSS
- Implemented user authentication, article upload, and editing workflows using the web Flask framework
- Led UI/UX design, enhancing user experience and maintaining brand consistency
- Collaborated with editorial teams to ensure seamless content management for administrators

### Project Lead

Sept. 2023 - Present

*Vex Robotics Club*

Urbana, IL

- Trained reinforcement learning models to play games such as Blackjack, Pong, and Lunar Lander
- Used methods such as Q-learning, PPO, and Deep Q-Networks to train models
- Presented results to faculty and peers at university's engineering open house

### Web Developer and Lab Monitor

Oct. 2023 – Present

*UIUC OpenLab Makerspace*

Urbana, IL

- Redesigned website with more modern and responsive design, improving experience for OpenLab users
- Helping users with OpenLab equipment as a lab monitor
- Used Adobe Creative Suite to create new advertising posters, electronic billboards, and website designs

### Automation Intern

June 2022 - Feb. 2023

*Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

Berkeley, CA

- Developed automation for Google Apps and Smartsheets to streamline onboarding and project updates for clients
- Used Google Apps APIs in Python and JavaScript to update project databases and send emails to managers

### Project Manager

Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2022

*Eagle Scout Project*

Fremont, CA

- Led the design, approval, and construction of an arbor and a planter for the Quarry Lakes Demonstration Garden
- Supervised 15 scouts and adults to coordinate material delivery, unloading, and construction efforts
- Successfully achieved rank of Eagle Scout

### Student Researcher

May 2020 – Sept. 2020

*Aspiring Scholars Directed Research Program*

Fremont, CA

- Analyzed text from the Voynich Manuscript, a codex written in an unknown language
- Developed frequency translation algorithm to assist with translating text
- Published research paper in the ASDRP Communications Journal

## PROJECTS

### Analog Synthesizer | PCB and Circuit Design, Analog Electronics, Python

Oct. 2022 – June 2023

- Designed, tested, and built an analog synthesizer which takes input from a digital keyboard
- Utilized concepts in analog signal processing, circuit design, and Raspberry Pi programming with Python

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, C/C++, Go, JavaScript, Java, HTML/CSS

**Developer Tools:** Git, VS Code, PyCharm

**Libraries:** NumPy, Pillow, pthreads

**Programs:** Ghidra, Fusion 360, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop

**Clubs:** Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), VEX Robotics, SIGPwny Cybersecurity Club, Synton Amateur Radio Club, oSTEM

**Other:** CAD Design, Soldering, Graphic Design