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Profile

I'm a big-picture thinker who obsesses over details; an introvert who loves to take the lead; a computer scientist who would rather study psychology than code. I'm interested in the ways technology can change and improve the world around us, and so I find myself touching dozens of different fields – sociology, psychology, economics, communications, business, and computer science.

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — 2016 -

I'm currently a first-year at UNC-Chapel Hill, hoping to study Computer Science and New Media or Interactive Media, with a minor in Entrepreneurship and anything else that draws my interest over the next four years. I'm a member of the Honors program and I'm currently taking classes in Math, Sociology, Computer Science, Economics, and English.

Robertson Scholars Leadership Program — 2016 -

I was selected to be one of 29 Robertson Scholars at UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke, which allows me to be a “dual citizen” of both universities, taking classes, living, and possibly receiving majors/minors at each. While my home university is UNC, I'll be living at Duke for the second semester of my sophomore year and taking classes at both universities throughout my four years. In addition, the Robertson provides service, leadership, and other opportunities throughout the school years and during each summer.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology — 2012-2016

“TJ”, as we affectionately call it, a magnet high school that draws students from all over Northern Virginia to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. While it's sometimes ranked #1 in the nation for it's high SAT and AP scores, I value TJ for it's community of students who love learning and teachers who will do anything to help their students succeed. At TJ I took 10 AP classes (9 “5”s and a “4”) and studied in a wide range of subjects, graduating with a weighted GPA above 4.35.

Work

Software Engineering Intern, Customink – June-August 2016

Software Engineering Intern, Nvite — July-August 2015

Engineering Intern, 3Advance— June-August 2014

Product Intern, Social Tables — June-July 2013

Extracurriculars

Organizer, HackTJ – 2013-Present

I've been involved with HackTJ, TJ's student-run hackathon, since its inception my freshman year. For the first HackTJ in 2013 I helped run ticketing and logistics as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, and through it I learned a lot I could apply to future Pilot and HackTJ events. I was invited by TJ's Coding Lady Colonials to help organize HackTJ 2.0 in May 2015, where I ran our branding, digital operations, logistics, and opening/closing ceremonies. I again ran the next HackTJ in February 2016, raising nearly than \$20,000 worth of sponsorship money and hosting more than 500 students at my high school for 24 hours.

Extracurriculars, cont.

Treasurer, TJHSST Honor Council — 2014-Present

In the spring of my sophomore year I was elected to represent the class of 2016 on TJ's Honor Council, which seeks to promote integrity and reduce repeat honor code violations at TJ. On the council I've worked closely with the administration to enact policies to help reduce integrity violations, worked with students who cheated and their teachers to restore relationships through a process called "Restorative Justice", and also planned TJ's annual Ethics Forum to promote an environment of trust in our school.

Lead Developer & DC Organizer, Pilot (Washington DC) — August 2013-Present

Pilot is a non-profit organization which runs events for high school students to learn how to conceive, build, and pitch their own apps and websites. I currently build and manage all of our digital operations including our event sites (for example, <http://miami.gopilot.org>), our student and organizer portals, and our API. I also organize our annual Washington DC event, which has hosted more than 500 attendees from around the region in two years.

Co-President, StartupTJ — 2013-Present

StartupTJ, TJ's student entrepreneurship club, first sparked my interest in entrepreneurship and innovation in my freshman year. That first year I learned about startups and technology, and since then I've been serving as Vice-President and then Co-President, giving back to the club and sharing my experience with underclassmen.

Teaching Coordinator, TJ Investment Club — 2012-Present

I've been a member and regular attendee of TJ's investment club since my freshman year, and in my junior year I was appointed "Teaching Coordinator" of the club. As TC, I helped teach underclassmen the basics of stock investing at the beginning of the year, and helped throughout the year by occasionally lecturing on topics related to investing. Although no longer Teaching Coordinator, I've continued to be an active member of the club in my senior year, presenting investment ideas and guiding discussions about them.

TJ Varsity Golf Team — 2012-2015

I've competed with TJ's varsity golf team every year since freshman year. The team has placed top three in the state for the last three years, and we've set a number of team records in the process.

Piano — 2003-Present

I've played piano for 12 years now, taking weekly lessons pretty much since I started kindergarten. I've developed a lot as a pianist over these years, and now I spend a lot of time – 5-6 hours each week – on practice and performance. I especially enjoy Chopin and Liszt, although I've played a very broad repertoire of pieces in my thousands of hours on the piano bench.
