# Ajay Liu

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## **EDUCATION**

## University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

Bachelor of Science, Major in Computer Science, Minor in Applied Psychology

Sep 2022 - Expected Jun 2026

- Cumulative GPA: 3.97 / 4.0 (Dean's Honors).
- Awarded Regents Scholarship, given to less than 2% of incoming undergraduate freshmen for exceptional merit.

### **Troy High School**

Fullerton, CA

Computer Science Magnet Pathway

Aug 2018 - Jun 2022

Awarded Troy Tech Pathways Award in Computer Science; given to two Troy Tech seniors in each pathway annually.

Full stack web development, Unity game development, Cross-platform app development, C++, TypeScript, C#, React, Next.js, Firebase

# EXPERIENCE

### **Early Research Scholars Program**

Santa Barbara, CA

Student Researcher

Sep 2023 - Present

- One of less than 40 students admitted to highly selective year-long apprenticeship pairing students with faculty in computing research.
- Collaborate with professor, graduate students, and 3 peers to improve multimodal interaction in augmented reality.

Snag Delivery Inc.

Isla Vista, CA

Software Engineer Intern

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- 10-week paid internship at local campus delivery startup under California NanoSystems Institute's Propel Startup Fellowship.
- Migrated backend employee scheduling system across multiple store locations, helping managers and employees monitor active shifts.
- Generated humorous product descriptions for more than 800 store items across all Snag locations using Natural Language Processing.

### Charipay Co.

Los Angeles, CA

Jun 2021 - Jul 2021

Frontend Web Developer Intern

Earned one of 2 spots out of 16 applicants for UCLA startup after rigorous technical interview process. Shadowed for 150 hours. Fullerton, CA

SuperProf Online Instructor

Feb 2020 - Nov 2021

Tutored first-year college student with advanced level C++ development course that resulted in significant grade improvement.

## StemUp4Youth Club

Fullerton, CA

Web Developer Board Position (2020-2022), STEM Instructor (2018-2022)

Aug 2018 - Jun 2022

Developed new club website and volunteered 120 hours teaching underprivileged and special education children to code on Code.org.

#### **PROJECTS**

### GratiCat (devpost.com/software/graticat)

May 2023

- Won Top 5 Overall out of 31 teams at SB Hacks IX; won Honorable Mention award for best presentation delivered.
- Collaborated effectively with a team of 4 to develop a gratitude app, incorporating NLP to analyze users' values with React Native.

#### Verde (github.com/AjayLiu/verde)

Mar 2023

- Won UCSB's Google Developer Student Club Solution Challenge, a four-month long software development competition.
- Collaborated with 3 team members to create a social media app promoting sustainability. Built with React Native and Firebase.

## Notation Visualizer (notation-visualizer.ajayliu.com)

Jul 2022

Developed interactive visualizer site explaining Computer Science topics: Infix, Prefix (Polish), and Postfix (Reverse Polish) notation. Bet You Don't Know (bet-you-dont-know.ajayliu.com) Jun 2021

- Built full-stack multiplayer website with realtime lobby, chat, kick, admin capabilities using Socket.io, Express, Next.js, and TypeScript. **Inspiration Jar** (inspiration-jar.ajayliu.com) Mar 2021
- Launched full-stack positivity social media platform using Google OAuth 2.0 for login, send, read, and upvote capabilities.

# AjayLiu.com (ajayliu.com)

Feb 2020 - Present

Designed own interactive portfolio showcasing over 15 personal and collaborative projects. Visited by more than 3000 unique users.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

## **Untitled Dance Company**

Santa Barbara, CA Sep 2022 - Present

Practice 8 hrs/wk to perform at Hip Hop International Championship, Welcome to the 805, and Untitled Spring Benefit Showcase.

Fullerton, CA

All Male Varsity Dance Team

# Captain (2021-2022)

Jul 2020 - Jun 2022

Won 1st place for Small All Male category at CADTD Esperanza High School and WCE Newbury Park High School.

### **Game Development Club**

Fullerton, CA

President (2019-2022), Lead Programmer (2018-2020)

Aug 2018 - Jun 2022

Led 35 members across 3 departments to develop games collaboratively via Git. Published 3 games on Google Play trovgamedev.com.

# **AWARDS**

Dancer

# Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund

Jun 2022

Awarded to 10 outstanding Taiwanese American high school seniors and first-year college students across the United States annually. **Chao Family Foundation Scholarship** Jun 2022

# Awarded to 5 high school seniors seeking a degree at University of California (UC) or Cal State University in Fall 2022.