A person and person taking a selfie in front of a city

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceHello! My name is Joseph Swartz, but I have always gone by Joey. He/His/Him. I’m a Computer Science major and I’ll be graduating in Fall 2022. I currently want to do something in software development but have not really narrowed down what I would like to do. Pay and benefits are my biggest motivators for a future job honestly. I currently work part-time as a CNC programmer at Eagle Grips Inc. I do CAD/CAM to create grips for handguns out of various woods or acrylics. I am in CSC 4500 because it is required for my degree and learning how to navigate/create a database is definitely a useful skill for any Computer Science job.



I have always lived in Illinois but moved around quite a bit. I spent my early childhood in Roselle, then moved to Elburn on my tenth birthday (Happy Birthday to me!). I lived there until I graduated High School in 2012 at which point my parents divorced and I moved into my mom’s apartment in Wheaton. I lived there for a year or two and then moved to Dekalb with my dad, I stayed there for a few years, and then I moved in with my girlfriend’s family in 2018.

I married the love of my life on June 1st, 2019, after 7 years of dating, and shortly after I earned my Associate’s in Science from Waubonsee Community College. My wife and I have one dog named Asher who is a terrier mix we rescued. He is the neediest dog and loves to cuddle, but has a lot of irrational fears like stairs, wooden floors, bridges, and ladybugs.

I like a lot of Sci-fi and Fantasy, I love Lord of the Rings/Hobbit, Star Wars (except episode 8), and Marvel. I am really looking forward to the new season of The Witcher this winter.

My music tastes is Alternative Rock and some lighter Metal. My favorite bands include Nirvana, Tool, Twenty-One Pilots, and No Doubt. I also started to learn how to play guitar when the covid lockdown started but I have a long way to go to master the instrument.

The coolest place I travelled to is Hawaii for my honeymoon, it is a truly beautiful island and foreign feeling form the continental US. The week before the semester started my wife and I took a trip to Disney World and that was amazing.

I’m not interested in any sports except for Ice Hockey, I am a huge Blackhawks fan. I try to go to at least one game every season. But, I don’t really enjoy any other sports as they are too slow-paced for my tastes. My favorite player is the now retired Corey Crawford.