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Description automatically generatedHello, my name is Zac Holly. My pronouns are He/Him/His. I am a senior at Aurora University and currently pursuing my bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics. Before AU, I went to Waubonsee Community College and received my Associate in Science. After graduating from AU, I plan on pursuing a Software Engineer career path. Sometime down the line, I also plan to go back to school to complete a master’s degree in Computer Science, if I end up at a job that is willing to pay for my education. Otherwise, I will continue to self-improve myself as I go from job to job. For non-career related goals, I would love to travel to Japan once, or if, the COVID pandemic becomes more manageable.

I am currently taking CSC 4500 because it is necessary for me to graduate. However, even if it was not a requirement, I would still be ecstatic to take the course since databases design and management skills are invaluable to have.

At AU, I am not a part of any organizations through the university, but I have done an internship through the university. Though, the internship was for a company had already been working with before I received internship credit through AU. The company I work for is called Cambridge Business Publishers. I have been officially working for them as part-time Technical Support Specialist for the past 5 years. During the internship period, I was able to join their development team and start my own project for the company. Even though my internship has since ended, they have allowed me to continue doing development work for them on the side, along with my technical support work.

Some other things about me:

I am from Batavia, IL, and I have been living here my whole life. I am relatively close with my family, both immediate and extended. I have two sisters, the first is 29 and works as a hair stylist, and the other is 25 and is working towards her master’s degree in Speech Pathology.

In my free time, I like playing a wide variety of video games, both on PC and consoles. More recently, I like to take on small coding projects. I also like working on computers; replacing computer parts and helping others with their computer builds. For physical activities, I really enjoy playing ping-pong. I always try to play public games at the universities I attend.

I started learning Japanese in high school, but I have since put learning it on hold. I am very excited to start learning it again after I graduate if I end up having the time.