#### **KENNEDY KEYES**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Mississippi State University – Mississippi State, MS

Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering

Aug 2022 – May 2024 GPA 3.93 / 4.00

Holmes Community College - Ridgeland, MS

Associate of Arts in Elect. / Comp. / Soft. Engineering

Aug 2020 – May 2022 GPA 3.81 / 4.00

#### **COLLEGE WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems,** Research Student – MSU

Jan 2023 - Present

Research enhancing accessibility in virtual reality; time consists of documenting, meetings,
debugging, designing, analyzing media, testing, and software developing in Unreal Engine 5

# **The Reflector,** *Online Editor – MSU*

Mar 2023 – Present

Managing and maintaining reflector-online.com and PDFs using HTML, Adobe InDesign,
WordPress, BLOX CMS, and CSS; managing and writing for 2 of The Reflector's social news feeds.

# **Housing & Residence Life,** Information Assistant – MSU

Jan 2023 – Present

 Customer service (data entry) front desk position including the responsibilities of checking-in guests, signing-in packages, greeting visitors and any additional administrative tasks assigned

# **BCoE Diversity Program,** Engineering Diversity Delegate – MSU

Nov 2022 - Present

- Support/plan activities and programs sponsored by the Chevron Corporation, Office of Diversity Programs and Student Development; represents the diversity, equity, and inclusion in Bagley

### **University of Minnesota,** Summer Research Student – Minneapolis, MN

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- Developed and implemented VR-based nature exposure program for elderly care home residents in collaboration with MindVue designers and forest therapists

## **Newk's Eatery,** Front of House Worker – Ridgeland, MS

Feb 2022 – Jul 2022

 Accommodated the needs of 600+ customers and teammates per shift; reserved a clean environment while maintaining teamwork operations and communications

# Tuesday Morning, Store Associate – Flowood, MS

Aug 2020 - Jul 2021

Processed sales, assisted original and sister locations, and managed freight to sales floor;
worked independently with minimum to no supervision ("1 man shift")

### HONORS, AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Spring 2023 MSU Society of Women Engineers (CS/Soft Eng. Departmental Officer), 2022-23 MSU President's List (Fall & Spring), 2022 Holmes CC High Honors, 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All MS Academic Team (Second), 2021-22 Holmes CC Sophomore Favorite, 2021-22 Renasant Bank Foundation Award, 2021-22 Holmes CC Dean's List (Fall) & President's List (Spring), 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Award, 2020-21 Holmes CC President's List (Fall & Spring), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member; Other Scholarships and Grants based on ACT, leadership, and GPA scores

## **VOLUNTEERING & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

<u>Volunteering:</u> Tutored students, Do Something Org's Mask Making, Goodwill, local churches, 21-22 Phi Theta Kappa Canned Food Drive, FIRST LEGO League Judge, MSU Community Garden & Bully's Pantry

<u>Extracurricular Activities:</u> BCoE Diversity Delegate Program, Fall 2022 Innovate Hackathon, National Society of Black Engineers, MSU National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, W.E.C.E., F.L.A.R.E., Cyber Security Club, Association for Computer Machinery, Maroon Volunteers, Japanese Club & MSU Student & Alumni Association Events

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