

Brenden Gray

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Professional Experience

Math Learning Centre Tutor

Vancouver Island University

Sep 2023 – June 2025

- Helped students with their homework, study habits, confidence, and understanding of topics in their math courses.
- Provided a friendly and supportive environment for drop-in tutoring.
- Primarily assisted with pre-algebra, calculus, discrete math, and statistics.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Vancouver Island University

May 2024 – Aug 2024

- Supervised by Dr. Melissa Huggan with funding from an NSERC USRA.
- Conducted a literature review into graph theory and pursuit-evasion game theory, with a focus on the damage number of a graph.
- Proved a novel result, prepared several presentations, and wrote Python code using the NetworkX package to help verify results.

Computer Science Help Centre Staff

Vancouver Island University

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

- Assisted students with their first and second year computer science coursework, and guided them on how to use the Computer Science Department's servers.
- Wrote answers to commonly asked questions for a departmental database.

Education

Vancouver Island University

Expected: June 2026

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Minor in Computer Science

GPA: 4.15

Awards & Honours

2020–2025 **Dean's Honour List**, Vancouver Island University

2024 **NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)**, Vancouver Island University

2023 **Pieter de Reuver Foundation Science and Technology Award**, Vancouver Island University

Presentations

Sprouts

Online Conference

April 12, 2025

- Title: "Cops and a Destructive Robber"
- Abstract: <https://kyleburke.info/sprouts/sprouts2025>

Department of Mathematics Seminar

Vancouver Island University

September 20, 2024

- Title: "Cops and a Destructive Robber"
- Abstract: <https://scitech.viu.ca/mathematics/seminar>

Student Research Summer Showcase

Vancouver Island University

August 23, 2024

- Title: "Studying the damage number of graphs"

Volunteer Experience ---

Test Marker

*Vancouver Island University
May 2, 2025*

- Volunteered to mark tests for the 2025 BC Secondary Schools Math Contest.

Mathematics Department Student Representative

*Vancouver Island University
March 28, 2025*

- Talked with prospective Faculty of Science and Technology students and their parents.

Volunteer Tutor

*Vancouver Island University
Sep 2021 – Dec 2021*

- Tutored students in the Adult Basic Education math program.
- Attended a tutoring workshop.

Memberships ---

Canadian Mathematical Society

As of: July 2025

- University Sponsored Student Member

American Mathematical Society

As of: July 2025

- Student Member

Technical Skills ---

- LaTeX, TikZ, Overleaf
- C++, C, Python
- Unix / Linux CLI (Bash)