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Education

Saratoga High School, Student, Saratoga, CA

August 2020 - Present

- GPA: **4.00** Unweighted (10-12 : **4.70**)
- SAT: **1550** (780 Math, 770 R&W)
- AP Credits: Computer Science A (5), Chemistry (5), US History (4), English Language and Composition, Spanish, US Government, Physics 1, Physics 2, Calculus AB
 - AP Scholar, Scholar of Distinction (7x)
- Marching Band (Percussion Captain), Winter Percussion (Captain), Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Al Advisor, Gaming Club (Officer, recruited 100+ members & led partnerships), Chess Club, Spanish Club

Experience

Zero to AI, *Founder*, Saratoga, CA

March 2023 - Present

- Developed and executed a 6-week in-person summer course to enable high-schoolers with no coding experience to build their own custom Al-enabled web app (also available online for free)
 - Gained 60+ signups, featured industry guest speakers, & a perfect Net Promoter Score of 100.
 - Developed & lectured a 10+ hour curriculum featuring custom examples, exercises, and assignments
 - Hired & led **staff of 4**, secured a library computer lab, & advertised in local press

Torus Platforms, LLC, CTO & Lead Developer, remote

August 2023 - Present

- Interviewed prospective developers & hired/manage a technical team of 6
- Own development of the product website, mobile app, rec. algorithms, backend servers, pipelines, and databases
- Currently testing a prototype before distributing beta to selected college communities by the close of Q4 2023

AppJack, Founder, Saratoga, CA

February 2022 - Present

- Built, published, & promoted 10+ different software apps covering topics such as biking trail discovery (4 million users), restaurant promotion, skin conditions, neural network hyperparameters, underutilized consumer assets, etc.
- Frontend Development Contractor at Trailforks
 - Led research and software development for search function overhaul of a 4+ million-user web platform
 - Assessed current products, surveyed a variety of users, reviewed iterations with team's product manager
 - Built out a prototype, seeking approval for A/B testing phase
- Web Development Contractor at Hard Knox Cafe
 - Working closely with the owner to maintain and redesign the website to increase orders and optimize SEO

Aletheia, Co-founder, remote

July 2023 - Present

- Developed/published digital media fact-checking browser extension (frontend, servers, custom LSTM network)
- Led promotional and developmental partnership with the fact-checking organization Snopes, including custom API
- Featured in <u>The Mercury News</u>, etc.

Academic/Percussion Instructor, Saratoga, CA

August 2022 - January 2023

- Provided personalized academic tutoring, percussion instruction, and computer science mentoring.
- Delivered tailored STEM exercises & percussion assignments, assisted students in preparing for pro-band auditions
- Guided an individual with no prior coding experience to winning his inaugural hackathon with a browser extension

Activities

Blue Devils B. Snare Drummer, Concord, CA

February 2022 - August 2022

- Highly competitive drum corps that competes in <u>DCl's</u> (Drum Corps International) Open Class
- Selected from a nationwide audition as the **youngest member** of percussion at 15 y/o, the average age of the section was ~18-19, required an extremely high level of rhythm, approach, and marching
- Rehearsed daily for 12+ hours for entire summer and toured across the United States (Southern CA Indiana)
- Worked with world-class staff towards an eventual 3rd place at DCI's Open Class Championships
- Achieved a semi-finalist finish at DCI's World Championships with a live attendance of 60,000+

SpeakEasy, Creator, Saratoga. CA

February 2022 - August 2022

- Created & published controversial content detection and rephrasing engine for web browsers & Discord
- Across the <u>browser extension</u> and <u>Discord bot</u>, SpeakEasy has helped 6,000+ users with 500k+ sentences.
- Built and promoted an <u>animated product website</u>

Saratoga High School, Al Advisor, Saratoga, CA

May 2023 - Present

- Presented multiple times to my high school's and districts's administrative teams, department chairs, and other staff about generative AI, AI-writing detection, implications for each school department, and potential solutions
- Helped plan World Cafe AI event and gave a 20-minute talk to ~150 people to kick it off

California (CBDA) All-State Concert Band, Percussionist, Fresno, CA

February 2023

- Selected alongside 32 percussionists from **thousands** of high schoolers
- Required high-level understanding of battery, keyboard, and auxiliary percussion instruments
- Worked with world-class instructors to perform collegiate-level pieces for 2,000+

Saratoga High School Music, Saratoga, CA

June 2020 - Present

- Marching Band, Percussion Captain (formerly Section Leader)
 - o **Individually tutored** younger members and held separate rehearsals outside of scheduled practice
 - Worked with staff to maintain a high group trajectory and ran battery rehearsal in their absence
 - Handled logistics and made on-the-fly decisions at competitions to ensure smooth operations
- Winter Percussion, Section Leader
 - Managed logistical items and led practices outside of group rehearsals to ensure competitive success
- Wind Ensemble, Percussionist
 - o Performed multiple **collegiate-level solos** on instruments such as the marimba, snare drum, and conga drums
 - Contributed a solo performance to a piece that led to the group's invitation to perform at CBDA All-State clinic and the highest rating of "Superior" at the annual CMEA festival
- Symphony Orchestra, Percussionist
 - Played a variety of instruments in collegiate-level pieces to achieve the highest rating of "Superior" at CMEA

Honors & Awards

Congressional App Challenge, First Place

December 2023

 Received <u>first place</u> in the competitive CA-16 (Silicon Valley) district for my project, <u>Aletheia</u>, a digital media fact-checking browser extension

Congressional App Challenge, Second Place

December 2022

Received <u>second place</u> in the competitive CA-16 (Silicon Valley) district for my project, <u>SpeakEasy</u>, a browser extension that uses AI to assess user text for controversial potential and offer rephrased alternatives that can be instantly adopted. Across the <u>published browser extension</u> and <u>Discord bot</u> in alpha-testing, SpeakEasy has helped **6,000+ users** with **500k+ sentences**

Breakthrough Junior Challenge, Semi-Finalist

September 2022

• My <u>video</u>, covering neural networks, placed **top 30 out of 2,400+** submitted videos from over **200 countries**

HackBytes, Best Social Cause Hack

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Received at HackBytes 2022 for <u>Corally</u>, which aims to connect divers with coral preservationists to gain intel
SchoolHacks, First Place & Zūm Sponsor Prize
June 2022

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• Received both at SchoolHacks 2022 for my project, OK2Say, which evaluates writing for potential controversy

RUHacks, Best Youth Hack

<u> May 2022</u>

• Received at RUHacks 2022 for my project, Find My Pet, which uses AI to unite pets with their owners

The Hackonimist (Major League Hacking), Best On-Theme Hack

April 2022

• Received at The Hackconomist 2022 for my project, Forecast, which uses AI to predict stock trends

Skills & Interests

Language: English (fluent proficiency), Spanish (working proficiency)

Computer Skills: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, JQuery, Python, Flask, Numpy, PyTorch, pandas, TensorFlow/Keras, Git, Swift, SwiftUI, Node.js, Express.js, SQL, SEO, browser extensions, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Heroku, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects

Interests: Mountain Biking, Skiing, Custom Keyboards, Plants, Chess, Gaming