

# KEVIN MCCARTHY



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## OBJECTIVE

Pursuing co-op opportunities in cybersecurity and networking fields for 2025, with the flexibility to adjust availability to meet organizational needs.

## EDUCATION

### Rochester Institute of Technology

*Expected December 2026*

Bachelor's of Science in  
Cybersecurity, Minor in System  
Administration

**Relevant Courses:** Reverse  
Engineering, Programming for  
InfoSec, Network Services, System  
Administration, Routing &  
Switching

## COMPETITIONS

- Information Security Talent Search 2025 (ISTS): King of the Hill (KoTH)
- Incident Response Security Competition (IRSeC) 2024: Logging
- CORA II: Purple Team (2<sup>nd</sup>/18)
- Incident Response Security Competition (IRSeC) 2023: Blue Team

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, Java, C/C++,  
PowerShell, Bash, MySQL, x86  
Assembly

**Operating Systems:** Unix/Linux,  
Windows, pfSense

**Tools:** VMware, VirtualBox,  
Wireshark, Firewalls, Active  
Directory, Git, Metasploit, Nmap,  
Data Dog, Autopsy, Ghidra

## PROJECTS

### Vulnerable Windows Test Environment

Dec. 2024 - Feb. 2025

- Designed and deployed an exploitable Windows Machine with multiple attack vectors, including remote code execution (RCE) and weak authentication.
- Intentionally misconfigured security settings to simulate real-world exploitation scenarios.
- Tested and validated exploitability using tools like Nmap, Metasploit, and various privilege escalation techniques.

### Virtual Domain & Network Infrastructure

Oct. - Dec. 2024

- Configured a Windows Server with Active Directory, DHCP, DNS, and a pfSense gateway for client services.
- Managed users, OUs, and GPOs across Linux and Windows clients.
- Configured remote Git repositories on a Linux server for version control.
- Set up a secure vsftpd file transfer server with mounted storage.
- Implemented and evaluated rsync, FTP, Samba, and NFS protocols for remote access and file sharing capabilities.
- Deployed an Apache webserver with SSL/TLS encryption for secure user login.

### Freddie L. Jackson Citizenship Award

Jan. 2022 – Present

[fljcitizenshipaward.com](http://fljcitizenshipaward.com)

- Founder and active manager. Established website, eligibility criteria, and selection process to evaluate submissions for award recipients.
- Distributed \$1,000+ to underrepresented students attending West Haven High School, CT.

## ACTIVITIES

### RITSEC (Cybersecurity Club)

Aug. 2023 – Present

[ritsec.club](http://ritsec.club)

- **Digital Forensics (Mentee)** - Analyzed and extracted hidden data across multiple cases using Autopsy, focusing on steganography and data recovery techniques.
- **Learn to ATT&CK (Mentee)** - Applied the MITRE ATT&CK framework across multiple scenarios, demonstrating adversarial tactics through hands-on simulations of real-world cyber-attacks.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Home Improvement Assistant

Oct. 2021 - Present

- Seasonal employment applying skills in carpentry, drywall, painting, flooring, tiling, and landscaping to assist in renovation projects at customer owned rental properties.
- Volunteered 200+ hours assisting on home restoration projects across Connecticut and Kentucky.