# Kieran Balls-Barker

Recent graduate from UMN with a double major in math and physics. Experience with research in physics. I enjoy logical problem solving, and am seeking opportunities related to mathematics and programming.

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#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN − BS

September 2018 - May 2021

Bachelor of Science in Math and Physics (double major) Graduated with Distinction (Gpa:3.78)

# Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN

August 2016 - May 2018

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **University Of Minnesota** — Fermilab's Mu2e Project

July 2019 - November 2020

Mu2e is a \$270 million high energy physics experiment aimed at detecting muon to electron conversions to simplify our understanding of the standard model of physics. I assembled components of the detection apparatus designed to track electron trajectories within a very strong magnetic field in order to measure their energy and verify the potential muon to electron conversion events.

## **PROJECTS**

## **Replicating Hardy's Test** — Quantum Physics Experiment

Hardy's Test is a test that shows violations of Bell's inequalities, which are predictions of classical physics. While ultimately unsuccessful ourselves, my partner and I identified various problems with previous methodology that helped a later group show the predicted violation.

## **Car Paper** — Applications of Differential Geometry

I wrote a paper modeling a car in parameter space and exploring the implications of various properties of the model on how a car can move.

## **Dots Game** — Software Version of a Pen and Paper Game

I created a python version of a pen and paper game with a smooth interface and various levels of AI opponents.

### **LANGUAGES**

Python Matlab Javascript HTML/CSS Java (Spring) Visual Basic

Vivado SQL

#### **SKILLS**

Object oriented programming Recursion Modular Programming Machine Level Architecture Database Management Statistics and Probability

### **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

Quantum Mechanics Analytical Mechanics Electrodynamics and Waves Algebra Sequence Complex Analysis Stochastic Processes

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

Dungeons and Dragons Taekwondo Logic Puzzles