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Objective: Driven honors student at RIT with a 3.8 GPA, specializing in Cybersecurity, looking for a Spring 2026 co-op. Open to relocation.

Education

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| Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) <i>Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity</i> <i>Minors in Mathematics, Networking and Systems Administration</i> | Aug. 2023 – May 2027 (expected) <i>Rochester, NY - 14623</i> |
| GPA: 3.7 Honors Program Dean's List (6 consecutive semesters) | |

Qualifications

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| • Winner , Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) at RIT | <i>November 2024</i> |
| • AI CTF Section Champion , MLH Global Hack Week: AI/ML | <i>February 2025</i> |
| • Special Recognition , NVIDIA Hackathon at ODSC West Conference | <i>October 2024</i> |
| • Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate | <i>July 2024</i> |
| • IBM Cybersecurity Analyst Professional Certificate | <i>July 2024</i> |

Experience

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| TOPTICA Photonics Inc. <i>Data Virtualization Intern</i> | May 2025 – Aug. 2025 <i>Pittsford, NY</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed and implemented interactive dashboards using Power BI for real-time project and sales trackingAutomated production and reporting workflows to improve data accuracy and reduce manual tasksSupported data integration between Qlik, Power BI, and Microsoft Dynamics NAVLiaised with German HQ to coordinate backend data access and resolve reporting issuesProvided technical support through the IT ticketing system and assisted with troubleshooting | |
| Rochester Institute of Technology <i>Supplemental Instruction Leader (GCIS 123, GCIS 124, MATH 171)</i> | Aug. 2024 – March 2025 <i>Rochester, NY</i> |
| Rochester Institute of Technology <i>Teaching Assistant (CSEC 140)</i> | Aug. 2024 – Dec. 2024 <i>Rochester, NY</i> |
| GrowRex - The Crypto and Web3 Growth Agency <i>Video Editing Supervisor</i> | May 2022 – May 2023 <i>Remote</i> |
| Freelance <i>Video Editor</i> | June 2019 – Present <i>Remote</i> |

Projects

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| Network Vulnerability Assessment | 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executed a thorough vulnerability analysis using Nmap, Nessus, and Wireshark.Diagnosed security flaws and recommended actionable fixes as part of a Google Cybersecurity course project. | |
| Web Application Penetration Testing | 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted security testing on a mock e-commerce platform.Identified critical vulnerabilities such as SQL injection and cross-site scripting using OWASP ZAP and Burp Suite. | |
| LinkedIn Scraper | 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a Python-based automation tool to extract LinkedIn data, boosting network connections from 14 to 197 within a week. | |
| Game Development Projects | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed a terminal-based RPG using Bash/Python with progressive levels and efficient algorithms.Developed a Pygame platformer featuring original artwork, custom music, and a storyline promoting animal conservation.Built a multiplayer, music-themed game with Java, Angular, and CSS, merging interactive play with creative design. | |

Campus Involvement & Volunteer Work

Honors Council (*Academic Excellence Chair and International Delegate*), Global Union (*International Liason*), Society of Banned Books (*Vice-President*); Signatures Art and Literay Magazine (*Literary Team*), Wordsmiths Writing Club (*E-board*), Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity (*Fundraising Chair*), RITSEC, Game Development Club, RKS, Goodbye-Goodbuy Sale (*Volunteering Captain*), Antique Book Restoration (*Volunteer*), Sphynx Cats Feline Rescue Shelter (*Volunteer*).