Leon Zhou

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EDUCATION

Columbia University   New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Data Science and Mathematics   Expected June 2023
GPA: 3.95/4.00

The University of Chicago   Chicago, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Economics   September 2019 - June 2020
Relevant Coursework: Probability Theory, Elements of Economic Analysis, Introduction to Computer Science

Kent School   Kent, CT
Diploma   June 2019
GPA: 5.89/6.0, *SAT: 1580/1600*
High Honors (2015-2019), National AP Scholar (2018), Cum Laude Society (2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Haitong Securities, Summer Intern   **Shanghai, CN**
Summer M&A Intern   *Summer 2020*
- Conducted financial and industry analysis of companies in healthcare, mining, and film production including compiling comps and sector research
- Prepared pitch books and teasers presenting a company's key metrics, investment highlights, and potential buyer's list
- Interacted with clients and potential investors to facilitate smooth deal execution

Huian Jinke   **Beijing, CN**
Summer Intern   *Summer 2017*
- Interned at Huian Jinke, a Chinese fintech start-up affiliated with Tsinghua University and backed by Hillhouse Capital
- Built web-scraping software in C++ to collect data on competing fintech companies and their methods
- Created multiple user datasets through bootstrapping and applied supervised learning models

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS

UChicago Brainbridge Laboratory   **Chicago, IL**
Researcher   *Mar 2020-Present*
- Modified avatar creation tool in JSON to test the memorability of faces
- Created interactive online experiments through JavaScript and VPS hosting
- Wrote php code to interact with SQL servers and extract sanitized participant data

UChicago International Finance Journal   **Chicago, IL**
Writer   *Dec 2019-Jun 2020*
- Conducted research on economic feasibility of public-sourced Democratic debates and impact of current streaming exclusivity
- Article published on the IFJ website

Kent School Finance Club   **Kent, CT**
Co-founder   *Mar 2017-Jun 2019*
- Generated investment strategies for Kent School, and taught incoming students about basic financial analysis and option strategies
- Presented a feasible investment plan to the Board of Trustees

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: C++, C#, Python, Java, Javascript, Haskell, R, Excel
Languages: English (native), Chinese Mandarin (native), Latin (Honors 3)
Interests: Percussion, Rowing, David Bowie, Game Theory, Chess, Drone Photography, Philosophy