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EDUCATION

Smith College, Northampton, MA   **Expected May 2027**
Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science Major, GPA: 3.67
Honors/Awards/ Scholarships: Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Leadership Scholarship (2023)
Relevant Coursework: Calculus I, Intro to Computer Science, Object Oriented Programming, Data Structures, Discrete Math

High School for Environmental Studies, New York, NY   **June 2023**
High School Diploma, GPA: 4.0
Honors/Awards: Academic Achievement Award (2022), College Board Advanced Placement Scholar Award (2022)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vivian Health, New York, NY   **June 2024 - August 2024**
UX Engineering and Research Intern
- Updated and maintained reusable UI components for the company's web application using React.js.
- Documented component usage using MDX in the Storybook documentation platform to enhance clarity and future maintainability.
- Provided support to fellow engineers by resolving component based bugs on web in order to assist team in maintaining momentum.
- Developed and executed a UX research project for an internal component documentation tool (Storybook) to enhance usability for front-end engineers and address any pain points.
- Collected and analyzed user feedback, identifying key areas for improvement and creating actionable recommendations.
- Implemented fixes and enhancements using MDX and React, streamlining the documentation experience and improving efficiency for the front-end team.

IBM Accelerate, New York, NY   **June 2024 – July 2024**
Design Track Participant
- Selected as one of the top 5% of over 10,000 applicants for an exclusive 8-week training program.
- Completed comprehensive training covering design history, enterprise-level design, UI/UX design, research, service design, AI ethics in design and more.
- Developed a case-study redesign to enhance user experience by applying principles of AI ethics and other program concepts to not only improve the existing information architecture but also design a theoretical AI feature to assist users with tracking deadlines.

UX Design Fellowship, America on Tech, New York, NY   **September 2022 – January 2024**
UX Design Fellow
- Learned visual design principles and Figma functions to create wireframes and prototypes while keeping usability, inclusivity, and user needs in mind.
- Conducted two mock user research trials to collect and analyze feedback in order to make improvements.
- Documented the creation process with a case-study presentation to use for UX Design portfolio.

LEADERSHIP & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

SEO Scholars, *Scholar*, New York, NY   **February 2020 – Present**
Office of Student Engagement, Smith College, *Staff Member,* Northampton, MA   **August 2023 – Present**
Smithies in CS Club, Smith College, *Social Chair*, Northampton, MA   **April 2024 – Present**
IAC Fellowship Program, *IAC Fellow*, New York, NY   **June 2024 – Present**

SKILLS

Proficient in Figma, HTML, CSS, G-Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides), and Canva; Intermediate in Python, JavaScript, Java, and React; Basic in Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).
Certifications: Google Foundations of User Experience (UX) Design (2024.)