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Education

California Baptist University

Aug. 2019 – Apr. 2023

B.S. in Computer Science, *summa cum laude*
GPA: 4.0/4.0. Ranked #1 in graduating class.

Experience

CalBaptist ML & NLP Lab

Jan. 2022 – Present

Lead Undergraduate Researcher

- Builds representation models to find empirical patterns in unstructured social media data, challenging the necessity of complex algorithms for natural language pattern recognition
- Proposes a novel data preprocessing approach that introduces noise, helps medical imaging models better perceive their environments, and makes them accessible for low-income communities
- Produced analyses and applications for three papers, leading the team from inception to execution

GE Vernova

Dec. 2023 – Present

Software Engineer

- Builds ML pipelines for renewable energy applications

Sirch

Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2023

NLP Consultant

- Built models that perform Query Auto-Completion (QAC), information retrieval, and NLU
- Scaled product to efficiently handle increasing foot traffic while maintaining a personalized UI

General Electric

June 2022 – Aug. 2023

Software Engineering Intern

- Led the development, implementation, and deployment of an automated database cleanup initiative that saves the organization thousands of dollars per year
- Developed and optimized microservices for large-scale data ingestion and analytic applications

Keysight Technologies

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

Software Engineering Intern

- Created a web-based platform for process/document management and team collaboration. Built product customization applications to enable clients to tailor their specific purchases
- Used T-SQL to perform high-level data analysis, eliminating 40% of product-option configurations

Publications & Preprints

Spatial Analysis of Social Media's Proxies for Human Emotion and Cognition.

A Corso, **N DiSanto**, N Corso, E Lee. *iConference* 2024. [\[code\]](#)

Transcending the Attention Paradigm: Representation Learning from Geospatial Social Media Data.

N DiSanto, A Corso, B Sanders, G Harding. *Under Review*, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Leveraging Contextual Data Augmentation for Generalizable Melanoma Detection.

N DiSanto, G Harding, E Martinez, B Sanders. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2212.05116*, 2022. [\[pdf\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Beyond Interpretable Benchmarks: Contextual Learning through Cognitive and Multimodal Perception.

N DiSanto. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2304.00002*, 2022. [\[pdf\]](#)

Teaching Experience	Intro to C++, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	SP 2023
	Discrete Structures, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	FA 2022
	Algorithms, <i>Tutor</i>	SP/FA 2022
	Computer Architecture, <i>Tutor</i>	SP/FA 2022
	Physics for Engineers II, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	SP/FA 2021
Presentations	<i>Twitter2030 – Empirical Social Media Analysis</i> . [Co-presented].	Apr. 2023
	CBU Undergraduate Thesis and Capstone Composition	
Service	Secondary Reviewer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Decision Support Systems</i>, 2023 • <i>Mathematics</i>, 2022 	
Awards & Honors	CS Outstanding Student Award (ranked #1/40)	Apr. 2023
	Inducted into Alpha Chi Honor Society (top 10%)	Apr. 2022
	Physics Performance & Leadership Award	Dec. 2021
	President's List (every semester of undergraduate study)	FA 2019 – SP 2023
	Trustee Merit Scholarship	FA 2019 – SP 2023
	Engineering Excellence Scholarship	SP 2021 - SP 2023
Leadership	<p>Founder and President of CBU Chess Club.</p> <p>Member of CBU's Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Chapter.</p> <p>Lead trumpet and section leader in 4 competitive CBU musical ensembles.</p> <p>Set up a newly opened high school's computer lab.</p> <p>Performed STAR test data analysis for an elementary school in a low-income area.</p>	