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## PROFILE

Cybersecurity student pursuing a B.S. in Cybersecurity with a minor in Business. Experienced in ethical hacking, vulnerability assessment, and securing digital systems through hands-on labs, competitions, and IT support roles. Strong foundation in network defense, service hardening, and offensive security fundamentals through NCL and NECCDC-style environments. Seeking cybersecurity internship opportunities with a long-term goal of penetration testing.

## EDUCATION

Pace University, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems New York, NY  
May 2028  
**B.S. in Cybersecurity, Minor in Business | GPA: 3.89**

## TECHNICAL COURSEWORK

AP Computer Science Principles | AP Computer Science A | Introduction to Computer Science | Object-Oriented Programming | Mathematical Structures for CS | Web Design for Non-Profit | Introduction to Cybersecurity | Computer Organization | Information Security Management | Database Management

## BUSINESS COURSEWORK (Minor)

Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics & Microeconomics | Financial Accounting

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Python, C, C++, Java, C#, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

**Cybersecurity Tools & Software:** Wireshark, Burp Suite, Nmap, OWASP ZAP, tcpdump, Splunk, Windows Event Viewer, Kali Linux, Ubuntu Linux, PowerShell, Bash, Git/GitHub, VS Code, Cisco AnyConnect, FileZilla

**Operating Systems:** macOS, Windows 10, Linux (Kali/Ubuntu), UNIX

**Cybersecurity Labs/Platforms:** TryHackMe, Hack The Box

**Hardware:** PC assembly, Troubleshooting, and Networking Fundamentals

**Web & UI Skills:** Responsive Design, Usability Principles, Accessibility Awareness, UI Layout, Mobile-First Design

**Certifications:** ISC<sup>2</sup> Certified in Cybersecurity (CC)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pace University New York, NY  
November 2025 - Present

**ITS Tech Zone & Client Support Office Student Assistant**

Provide front-line IT support to students, faculty, and staff in person, by phone, and through the university help desk.

- Troubleshoot and resolve **hardware, software, and network connectivity** issues across Windows, macOS, and mobile devices.
- Resolved help desk tickets through university IT support systems, ensuring timely issue resolution and user satisfaction.
- Assist users with **printing services, account activation, and Pace systems** such as MyPace Portal, Email, and university-licensed applications (e.g., Microsoft Office, SPSS).
- **Image and prepare new desktops and laptops** for deployment to ITS labs and faculty/staff offices.
- Conduct **diagnostics and maintenance** on lab PCs and Macs, ensuring full system functionality and reliability.
- Maintain organized and clean computer lab environments while providing **courteous, professional customer service** and timely follow-ups.

**Skills:** Help Desk Support · Hardware & Software Troubleshooting · Network Connectivity · Computer Imaging · Customer Service · Windows · macOS · Mobile Devices

## Previous Work Experience

**Team Lead - Panera Bread, Huntington Station, NY** August 2022 - June 2024

- Led front-line operations including customer service, cash handling, and training new employees while ensuring a fast-paced team environment ran efficiently.

**Sales Associate - Cross Island Fruits, Lynbrook, NY** Seasonal 2020 - 2024

- Assisted customers, maintained product displays, and handled transactions with accuracy and professionalism.

**Phonebanker - Legion Consulting Firm (Remote)**

June 2025 - July 2025

- Contacted potential voters and recorded outreach data, demonstrating strong communication skills and attention to detail.

**TECHNICAL PROJECTS / COMPETITIONS****Machine Learning Phishing Detection System — Primary Developer***Python, Scikit-learn, Pandas, GitHub, Cybersecurity Analytics*

- Built an end-to-end phishing detection system that achieved **~98% accuracy** by engineering a full URL feature extraction pipeline, creating balanced phishing/benign datasets (PhishTank + Tranco), developing modular Python scripts for data processing, feature engineering, model training, and evaluation (confusion matrix, precision/recall), and independently managing the entire GitHub workflow despite the project being assigned to a group.

**NCL Cybersecurity Competition - Fall 2025 Individual Game**

- Competed in the National Cyber League Individual Game, ranking **639th out of 7,866 participants nationwide** and **1st out of 13 within Pace University's Cybersecurity Club**. Excelled in open-source intelligence (OSINT), log analysis, password cracking, scanning and reconnaissance, and cryptography, while also demonstrating strong skills in network traffic analysis. Gained hands-on experience across diverse domains, including digital forensics, vulnerability assessment, enumeration, and web application security.

**Portfolio Website [HTML, CSS, and JavaScript]**

- Built a **responsive, user-focused portfolio website** using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, emphasizing **intuitive navigation, clean UI layout, and mobile-first design** across multiple pages (Home, About Me, Projects, Resume, Contact).

**Non-Profit Website [HTML, CSS, and JavaScript]**

- Collaborated with a team to design and develop a user-friendly non-profit website, prioritizing clear information hierarchy, accessible UI components, and responsive design to improve user engagement.

**Fitness Club Website [HTML, CSS, and JavaScript]**

- Designed and developed a multi-page fitness website with a focus on **usability, visual consistency, and intuitive user experience**, ensuring **responsive layouts** across desktop and mobile devices.

**Dog Recommendation App [Code.org]**

- Developed an interactive app to suggest dog breeds based on user-selected traits (e.g., active, mellow, big, small).

**Pong Game [Java]**

- Recreated the classic arcade game *Pong* in Java with guidance from my high school teacher, demonstrating fundamental programming and game development skills.

**ACTIVITIES / ADDITIONAL TRAINING****Pace University's NECCDC Cyber Defense Team, Member**

December 2025 - Present

- Selected to represent Pace University in the Northeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NECCDC), participating in defensive security preparation, incident response practice, and team-based cyber operations.

**Pace Cybersecurity Club, Member**

March 2025 - Present

- Participate in hands-on cybersecurity labs, CTF challenges, and discussions on topics like ethical hacking, network security, and digital privacy.

**ISC<sup>2</sup> Member**

January 2026 - Present

- Professional member of ISC<sup>2</sup>, adhering to industry standards and engaging in ongoing professional development.