

When I was in high school, I thought about what my future could look like in computer science. I envisioned myself working jobs as either a product developer, programmer, game designer, app developer or honestly creating something I could own and use to make some impact. I was attracted to technology and the idea of being able to cultivate the future, work with great minds to grow important companies and products. Now that I have thought about my future more and I am gaining more experience I notice that I have the same expectations to cultivate the future, work with great minds to grow important companies and products to make an impact; however, lately I have been trying to push myself. As I approach the end of my college career I am beginning to really question my future and push myself to think bigger and not close my mind off to any challenge I may truly want to take on. Over the pandemic I spent much time envisioning my career and thinking hard about the many places CS could take me. Now, I am really even more attracted to creating some product/business to cultivate the future and work with great minds to grow important products.

If I were to join the workforce immediately after college I believe I could land an entry level position designing/programming for some company in the tech industry (Corporate or startup). I would want to be more of a designer than a developer but I would be willing to accept either position. Now, I feel I would enjoy building the stories behind the code more than just coding specs. I want to be able to come up with ideas and put them into fruition and I want to be a part of a place that understands just how powerful technology is. A place where technology is not looked at only as a tool to monetize but also to uplift whole communities. The community around me motivated me to believe I could do whatever I put my mind to no matter what may come at me or who may say otherwise. The people who raised me and grew up with me truly believed I would make an impact in the world, and it makes me believe I can.