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| **Education** | | |
| **Lynchburg, VA** | **Liberty University** | **Fall 2021 – May 2025** |
| * B.S. in Information Technology: Data Networking & Security. GPA: 4.0 * B.S. in Information Technology: Web & Mobile Programming. GPA: 4.0 * Minor in Computer Science. GPA: 4.0 * Undergraduate Coursework: Intro to Programming Using C++. * Cyber Defense Club | | |
| **Employment** | | |
| **Technology Department, Intern** | **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** | Fall 2020 – Summer 2021 |
| vMix AutoStream   * Implemented a .NET script to start and stop YouTube Livestreams at specified times. * Created functionality to start tracking time when vMix is started. * Designed to have minimal memory and CPU usage. * Lead intern to Technology and AV Director. * Managed a volunteer base of 10+ people, including training, scheduling, and support during services. * Created, planned, and executed the use of technology site-wide and during Sunday services. | | |
| **Youth Department, Intern** | Mt. Vernon Baptist Church | Winter 2018 – Summer 2021 |
| * Implemented the use of new AV technology for Sunday and Wednesday services. * Managed a volunteer base of 15+ people, including training, scheduling, and support during services. * Built an AV workstation with new equipment, as well as training for Technology Department staff. | | |
| **Technical Experience** | | |
| **Projects** | | |
| * **Battleship** (2022). CLI-based Battleship game using a pre-defined gameboard. C++ * **Restaurant Menu System** (2022). CLI-based restaurant menu system using a text menu file. C++ * **Weatherly** (2022). iOS mobile weather app based on the OpenWeatherMap API and framework. Swift, SwiftUI * **ShookWeather** (2019). CLI-based weather forecast using the OpenWeatherMap API and framework. Python | | |
| **Certificates and Awards** | | |
| * **Dean’s List (2021 – 2022):** Achieved a 3.5+ GPA for both the Fall and Spring semesters at Liberty University. * **Microsoft Office Specialist (2018):** Office Excel 2016 certified issued by Certiport. | | |
| **Languages** | | |
| * C++; Java; Python; Swift (Prior Experience); C (Prior Experience); .NET (Prior Experience) * Visual Studio; Visual Studio Code; Eclipse; Xcode | | |

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| **Community Service and Volunteering** |
| * **NC Baptists Volunteer (2015 - 2022).** Voluntered to serve local communities through construction, relief efforts, and food preparation for emergency services. * **OCC Assembly Volunteer** **(2018 - 2021).** Worked alongside others from my church to aid in packaging shoeboxes for children in need. * **English Teacher (2019).** Traveled overseas to teach English to East Asian students to develop connections with students of similar age in another culture and help open their future to new possibilities. * **English Teacher (2017).** Traveled overseas to teach English and Technology to Ukrainian students and adults to develop connections with people from other cultures and open their future to new possibilities. |