

## Hook

In a world increasingly driven by data and AI, my curiosity has always been how technology can truly augment human decisions. That curiosity pushed me toward ML and NLP.

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## Segue (Journey / Motivation)

This passion led me to pursue rigorous training in computer science, exploring both theory and real-world applications of intelligent systems.

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## Academic Achievements

- GPA 3.8; Dean's List x6
  - 2 peer-reviewed publications
  - Led a 5-member team; 94% NLP accuracy (!'12%)
  - Outstanding CS Student Award (Senior year)
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## Extracurricular Activities

200+ hours teaching programming to underrepresented youth; President of AI Ethics Society; organized symposiums with 300+ attendees.

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## Publications

Doe, J. & Smith, A. (2023). "Advancing NLU via Contextual Embeddings" – ICML.  
Smith, A., Doe, J. (2023). "Ethics of LLM Deployment" – Journal of AI Ethics.

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## Problems in Background

During an internship, our early bias-detection approach kept failing. Studying fairness metrics and collaborating with social scientists led to the breakthrough used in my thesis.

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## Why This School?

Stanford's HAI and the Stanford NLP Group match my focus on interpretable ML. I'm especially keen to work with Prof. Chen on neural interpretability.

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## Your Goal / Conclusion

Short-term: contribute to explainable-AI research and co-author papers.  
Long-term: lead a lab building transparent, fair AI adopted by industry.  
Conclusion: this program is the right environment to realize these goals.