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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Major in Computer Science
Expected Minor in Statistics & Data Science

Present — Expected May 2028

WORK EXPERIENCE

Driven Telematics

April 2025 — Present

Summer and Part-Time Intern

- Developed telemetry **data retrieval/upload system** for driving data using **AWS** API Gateway, Lambda functions, Aurora, etc.
- Implemented **API** processing multiple **Firehose** streams in parallel with **<1s response time** for real-time telemetry data retrieval
- Architected **PostgreSQL** database schema on **Aurora** infrastructure with direct **pgAdmin** integration for added auditing layer
- Engineered comprehensive **CloudWatch** and **S3** logging/auditing achieving **100% request traceability** across all data flows

Karatube AI

March 2024 — August 2024

Cofounder and Inaugural Intern <https://karatube-karaoke-with-youtube.en.softonic.com/chrome/extension>

- Architected and deployed an **AI-powered** system, extracting instrumental and synchronized lyrics from YouTube for karaoke playback
- Integrated with **AWS Lambda** for serverless audio processing, **ElastiCache** for fast storage, and integrated with OpenAI Whisper API
- Developed **MVP** with **Svelte-based** frontend, incorporating **real-time audio synchronization** and live lyric display for user interaction
- Established **CI/CD** pipeline and **automated testing**, reducing deployment time and ensuring reliable service availability

PROJECTS

EcoNest

August 2023 — June 2024

Team Manager Technology Student Association Webmaster Submission 23-24 <https://eco-nest.vercel.app/>

- Built **full-stack** environmental awareness platform placing **6th globally** and **1st in Texas** among **2,000+** competing teams
- Implemented **real-time Firebase messaging** and **3D Three.js modeling** enabling collaborative sustainable living visualization
- Coordinated **6-person** development using **Git workflows** with **pull request reviews**, integrating **Next.js** frontend with TailwindCSS

Safeguard

August 2022 — April 2022

Hall Pass Designed to Increase Security with Facial Recognition Detection Instead of ID Cards <https://safe-guard-id.vercel.app/>

- Led team to develop **facial recognition** hall pass system integrating teachers, admin, and students in **real-time**
- Built **full-stack** application using **MongoDB**, **React**, **Express**, and **Node.js** with real-time **WebSocket** student monitoring
- Conducted security testing demonstrating **30% improved safety monitoring** compared to traditional ID card systems

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Seven Lakes HS Computer Science Honor Society — Co-Founder, Vice President, President

August 2022 — May 2025

An organization with over 200 chapters dedicated to promoting and recognizing academic excellence in Computer Science

- Founded organization and grew membership to **200+ members**, arranging **50+ educational tutorials** and tournaments with **450+** participants while providing **weekly tutoring** to **20+** students
- Configured PC² contest management system and **volunteered 100+ hours** coordinating **UIL Computer Science** competitions hosting **800+ participants** across 20 academic events

Seven Lakes HS Technology Student Association (TSA) — President (2x), Vice President, Freshman Rep.

August 2021 — May 2025

An organization with over 500,000 members worldwide that specializes in technology-based event competition

- Elevated chapter to **2nd in state** rankings by implementing structured training programs and competitive **mentorship initiatives**, growing membership by **over 200%** from 60 to 120+ students
- Managed \$50,000+** annual budget for regional, state, and national competitions while coordinating travel logistics for **100+ students** and delivering keynote speech to **2,500+ attendees** at state conference

HONORS & AWARDS

- Webmaster** (Nationals 23 & 24 | State 24 & 25) — 4th and 6th Nationals & 1st in Texas (Technology Student Association)
- Software Development** (State 22) — 2nd in Texas (Technology Student Association)
- Data Science** (Regionals 22 & 23) — 1st in Gulf Coast Region (Technology Student Association)
- Convergent Engineering Fellow**
- Hispanic Association of Computer Scientists Member**
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund Awardee**
- Seven Lakes High School Spartan Distinguished Service Award**
- University of Texas Austin Academy for All Machine Learning** — Participant

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Java, Python, R, Node JS, React/Next JS, Svelte, MongoDB, Firebase, SQL, AWS, Cloud Computing, Data Analysis

Languages: Native Spanish Speaker and Writer

Relevant Coursework: Calculus I-III, Linear Algebra, Data Science, Data Structures, Discrete Math, Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity

Certifications: Unity Certification and AWS Foundations & Practitioner Certification