

Curriculum Vitae of Anson Benjamin Vattakunnel

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I am a hardworking, self-motivated and well-rounded Engineering Student (UCT), currently studying towards Electrical and Computer Engineering. I hope to apply my knowledge and experience in the technological industry.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 04/08/2004
Nationality: South African
Identity Number: 0404085444085
Sex: Male
Languages: English

EDUCATION

- University of Cape Town, South Africa
2022 – Present | Bachelor of Science (Engineering) in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Kokstad College, South Africa
2021 | Distinction in Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting, Afrikaans, English & Life Science

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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| • Old Mutual Intern | 2025 |
| • SFDA Coordinator | 2023 |
| • Old Mutual Peer Buddy | 2023 |
| • Electrical Engineering Faculty Mentor | 2023 |
| • Deputy-Head Boy, Kokstad College | 2021 |

ACHIEVEMENTS

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| • Finhub Hackathon Winner | 2023 |
| • Top 5 in the District for the NSC Examinations | 2021 |
| • Deputy-Head Boy, Kokstad College | 2021 |
| • Deputy Head Library Monitor, Kokstad College | 2020 |
| • Tuck Shop Monitor, Kokstad College | 2020 |
| • Class Representative, Kokstad College | 2017 |

WHAT I'VE LEARNT FROM MY EXPERIENCES

Old Mutual Intern working under IT Department | 2025

As an intern at Old Mutual, I contributed to process optimization by designing and implementing workflow automation tools. This role allowed me to apply my technical skills to streamline repetitive tasks, thereby increasing efficiency and enabling staff to dedicate more time to high-value responsibilities. The experience enhanced my problem-solving, technical proficiency, and ability to translate business needs into practical solutions. It also gave me exposure to corporate work culture and reinforced the importance of efficiency in large-scale operations.

Student Front Desk Receptionist Coordinator | 2023 - 2024

As a Student Front Desk Receptionist Coordinator, I played a crucial role in managing and leading a team of Student Front Desk Assistants in a student housing or residence setting. This role provided me with valuable leadership experience, as I had to navigate challenging situations, ensure team cohesion, and uphold residence policies. It honed my problem-solving, communication, and organizational skills, contributing to my personal and professional growth.

Mentor for Electrical Engineering Department | 2023 - 2024

As a mentor for first-year students, I honed crucial skills such as leadership, effective communication, and problem-solving. Guiding and supporting incoming students improved my ability to offer tailored academic advice and navigate university resources. Organizing events and workshops strengthened my project management and teamwork capabilities. Witnessing the growth of my mentees underscored the importance of mentorship.

Peer Buddy for First-Year Students | 2023 - 2024

Being a peer buddy enhanced my skills in communication, mentoring, and conflict resolution. Organizing orientation sessions and study groups improved my project management abilities. Providing academic guidance and emotional support emphasized active listening and empathy. Witnessing the success of my mentees solidified my commitment to supporting others in their university journey.

Hackathon Winner at UCT Financial Hub | 2023

Winning the UCT Financial Hub hackathon showcased my skills in coding, data analysis, and project management. Collaborating with diverse talents emphasized communication and teamwork. Presenting our solution to industry experts improved my pitching skills and expanded my professional network. This victory affirmed the value of practical application of knowledge.

Deputy-Head Boy at Kokstad College | 2021

The position of deputy-head boy is granted to a student who exemplifies good behaviour, grades and attendance. As deputy-head boy, a student is responsible for setting an example for other students at the school and for serving as a leader in school activities. This position enabled me to show and utilise my leadership skills and potential. I was exposed to difficult situations whether it was reprimanding my friends or getting my fellow prefects to adhere to their responsibilities. There was invaluable experience gained that gave me important life skills.

Class Representative | 2017

Class Representatives are elected by peers to ensure the smooth running of the class. If there are any issues with the class, the students discuss it with the class rep who then bring it up to the teacher and work together to find the best possible solution. These positions enabled me the ability to succinctly identify a problem and create possible solutions which has developed my problem solving and communication skills.

STRENGTHS THAT WILL BENEFIT YOUR ORGANISATION

I am extremely hardworking, dynamic, flexible, determined and goal driven. I strongly believe that every situation in life should be approached in the right way, not the easy way. This has often taken me down the more difficult paths, but one that I have emerged from as a stronger person.

I am highly motivated, and when I believe in a vision that I can see, I will see it through until the end. I have strong leadership and communication skills as evidenced by the previous positions afforded to me. I have the necessary skills to adapt to any situation I'm placed in, which I believe is a truly essential skill to be successful in the modern world.

Hobbies and Interests

I have an interest in maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. My interests include hiking and playing team sports such as ultimate frisbee and cricket. I am an avid reader and enjoy keeping up to date on current affairs. I also enjoy new experiences and discoveries that will enable me to further my personal development