# Willie McClain

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#### **Education**

#### **Western Governors University**

Salt Lake City, UT

Master of Science in Computer Science (AI/ML Focus)

Expected Graduation: January 2027

Relevant Coursework: Deep Learning; Machine Learning Models; NLP; Advanced Algorithms; Data Mining

Capella University Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (Cybersecurity Awareness)

Graduation: January 2025

Relevant Coursework: Network Security; Encryption Protocols; Incident Response; Secure Database Design; Risk

Management

# Experience

#### Upwork

## Freelancer - Entry-Level IT Troubleshooting

April 2025 - Present

- Assisted with software installations, updates, and basic cybersecurity protection including antivirus setup and security system configuration
- Contracted independently to provide technical support services to individuals and small businesses via Upwork platform
- Provided system updates, cybersecurity consultations, and basic training for clients with limited technical experience

## **Fidelity Investments**

**Client Associate** 

February 2023 – Present

- Analyzed and monitored 50+ client accounts daily using data analytics tools, reducing fraudulent activity by
  15%
- Updated encryption protocols for client communications, improving data protection and reducing vulnerability risk
- Responded to 401(k) participant inquiries regarding retirement plan options, account balances, and fund performance
- Delivered high-quality service through phone and digital channels, achieving a 90%+ satisfaction rating from clients

#### **Leadership & Activities**

# National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

Alexandria, VA

#### **Collegiate Member**

January 2023 – May 2025

- Participated in leadership development workshops, mentorship programs, and initiatives promoting diversity and inclusion in STEM
- Engaged in networking and service efforts to drive impact in the tech and engineering communities

#### Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society (OSSNHS)

Bay Shore, NY

# **Inducted Member**

January 2025 – Present

- Lifetime member of the national honor society for homeland security and cybersecurity disciplines
- Recognized for academic excellence and commitment to public safety and ethical leadership

#### Certifications

CompTIA Network+

(In Progress, expected September 2025)

CompTIA Security+

(Planned, to be pursued after completing Network+)