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Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA

May 2026 (expected)

B.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 3.626/4.0

Coursework: Data Structures, Linear Algebra, General Physics 1, Calculus 2

Littleton High School, Littleton, MA

September 2017 - June 2021

Coursework: AP Macroeconomics, AP Statistics, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Calculus AB, AP Computer Science A

- GPA: **4.70/5 (weighted)**
- SAT: **1440, English: 680/800, Math: 760/800**

Skills

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, HTML

Technologies: React, NodeJS, Git, AWS (ECS, EC2), Linux (Ubuntu), Docker, Kubernetes

Experience

Minutemen Capital Management, Amherst, MA

February 2023 – Present

Quantitative Data Analyst - Python

- Currently going through strict curriculum to gain a strong fundamental background in equities, options, futures, currencies, fixed income securities, commodities, as well as data analytics/science, Python, etc.
- This is later used by joining a team and creating an algorithm from scratch, which will trade all types of securities.

BigBear.AI, Lexington, MA

June 2022 – August 2022

Junior Software Developer Intern (Full Stack Web Development and Data Engineering) - JavaScript, React, NodeJS

- Organized the development process for an application over a course of three two-week sprints
- Developed fully functioning and sellable Jira web application using Agile principles, hosted on AWS ECS
- Designed and integrated unit tests - increased total app test coverage by 15%

US Soccer, Massachusetts Youth Soccer, Lancaster, MA

September 2017 – August 2022

Soccer Referee

- Officiated youth soccer games with players ranging from 6 to 18 years old
- Managed assistant referees, players, and coaches for multiple hours in a row in a high-stress environment

Teamworks, Acton, MA

June 2019 – September 2019

Summer Camp Counselor

- Supervised a group of 25 campers aged 6 to 12. Led group through personally developed activities and games
- Developed and organized an event for all 100 campers involving multiple teams and Olympic style activities

Projects

Stock Trading Prediction Web App, Python

December 2021

- Built web app which takes in raw data from a stock, analyzes the data, and produces graphs based on the data
- Predicts what the stock price will be and what the trends will look like in following years

Reddit Video Transcription Bot, Python, AWS EC2

August 2021

- Developed Reddit bot that transcribes audio from video, launched on AWS EC2

InvitR Mobile App, Java

March 2019

- Developed app which allows users to invite people to a party, then allows invitees to RSVP with details

Awards

University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Littleton High School

April 2021

- Awarded to highest achieving physics student in grade

Activities/Interests

Google Developer Student Club @ UMass Amherst

September 2023

Association for Computing Machinery @ UMass Amherst

September 2023

Science Olympiad Captain @ LHS | Led team to States @ Harvard University

March 2022

September 2021 - June 2022

Interests: Stock trading, poker, soccer, tennis, golf, drumming, video games