# Zakariyya Scavotto

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#### **Education**

## **Stevens Institute of Technology** | NJ

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Expected May 2026

GPA: 4.0 | Honors: Pinnacle Scholar, Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society

Coursework: Data Structures, Discrete Structures, Probability and Stats,

Intermediate Stats, Seminar on Blockchain, Seminar on Computer Science

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) | VA

June 2022

Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, AP CS (5),

Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, AP Calculus BC (5)

## Work and Research Experience

## **Stevens Institute of Technology, Student Researcher**

(May 2023 - Present)

• Working under the guidance of Professor Yue Ning on modeling inflation during COVID using machine learning, with the goal of incorporating COVID data in the model.

#### **Stevens Student Managed Investment Fund, Quant Intern**

(January 2023 - May 2023)

- Worked on Factor Model (FM) team's machine-learning sector allocation model.
- Made a guide to setup an Ubuntu Desktop Virtual Machine with VirtualBox on Windows.
- Created Python script to generate a weekly report summarizing FM performance.

#### **George Mason University Mentorship**

(June 2020 - November 2022)

- Conducted a research study on EEG-based emotion recognition in music using machine learning under the guidance of Dr. Nathalia Peixoto.
- Used SVMs with the scikit-learn library to train a model to classify emotional responses with 64.6% accuracy.
- Built a demonstration web application with Flask to predict responses with live EEGs.
- Authored "EEG-based Emotion Recognition with Music: A Model and Application", Mason Archival Repository Service: <a href="http://mars.gmu.edu/handle/1920/12993">http://mars.gmu.edu/handle/1920/12993</a>.

#### **Skills**

Hardware: Built a gaming PC from scratch

Programming Languages: Python (6 years), Javascript (4 years), HTML (4 years),

CSS (4 years), Java (3 years), MATLAB (1 year), C++ (1 year)

Software: GitHub, Google Drive, Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

### **Extracurriculars and Leadership**

Music: Zakariyya Scavotto Music Resume, ZS Scriabin Prelude Op 11 No 22 in G Minor

Stevens: Computer Science Club; Association of Computing Machinery Chapter, Vice

President (2023 - Present) (2022 - Present)

TJHSST: Dev Club, Lecturer (2021 - 22); Machine Learning Club (2018 - 2022)