

# Zayaan Bhanwadia

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## EDUCATION

### University of Toronto Scarborough

*Honors Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science*

Scarborough, ON

Sep. 2025 – Present

## EXPERIENCE

### Executive, Association of Mathematics and Computer Science Students

2025 – Present

*University of Toronto Scarborough*

*Scarborough, ON*

- Helped produce and distribute a departmental newsletter for the Computer and Mathematical Sciences Department
- Reached over 2000 students and achieved an open rate of around 50%

### DECA International Career Development Conference Qualifier

Sep. 2024 – June 2025

*DECA Inc.*

*International*

- Placed Top 20 internationally in Startup Marketing Campaigns
- Trained a group of 8 students in written events and marketing strategy, with around 50% qualifying for ICDC

### Co-President, NASA HUNCH

Sep. 2023 – June 2025

*NASA HUNCH Program*

*Canada*

- Led team to 3rd place, becoming the first ever Canadian school to compete in NASA Hunch
- Developed an autonomous Lunar Ejector Bot using C++ and Arduino capable of traversing simulated lunar terrain and created a simulation using CAD

### Vice President of Technology, BLINK JA

Sep. 2022 – June 2023

*Junior Achievement Company Program*

*Canada*

- Led a team of 5 to design and maintain a company website, generating over \$2,300 in online sales
- Tracked and analyzed website sales metrics to support executive marketing decisions, increasing website traffic by over 30%

## PROJECTS

### UTRA Hacks Sustainability NFT Tokener (3rd Place Overall) | *Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Solana, Gemini AIF*

- Developed a proof-of-impact sustainability application leveraging Gemini AI to verify environmentally sustainable actions
- Integrated Solana blockchain to tokenize verified sustainability actions as NFTs
- Achieved 92% verification accuracy through AI validation pipeline

### Windows Terminal AI Assistant | *Python*

Jan. 2026

- Engineered an AI-powered assistant that translates natural language into executable Linux and Windows terminal commands
- Implemented a safety interception layer to detect and block potentially destructive commands
- Developed an auto update checker which keeps user's requested programs updated to the most stable version when run

### AI-Powered Video Clickbait Detector | *Python, YouTube Data API*

Dec. 2025

- Built a machine learning pipeline to analyze video metadata and thumbnails for clickbait detection
- Achieved 80% classification accuracy across evaluated datasets

### Mock Banking Application | *Java*

Sep. 2024 – Jan. 2025

- Developed a Java-based banking system with file I/O to manage account data and track transactions
- Implemented data structures to make storage more efficient

### Plants vs. Zombies Game (Academic Project) | *Java*

2023 – Jan. 2024

- Created a Java-based parody of Plants vs. Zombies to demonstrate object-oriented programming concepts

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Java, Python, C/C++, SQL, JavaScript, HTML/CSS

**Developer Tools:** Git, VS Code, Visual Studio, JetBrains, IntelliJ, Eclipse