

Aaleyah Lewis

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EDUCATION

University of Washington

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering

Expected Graduation Date: May 2026

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

Graduated with Honors: Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Minor: Psychology

Merit Scholar, McNair Scholar, LSAMP Scholar, CWIT Affiliate

Coursework: Data Structures; Software Engineering; Algorithms; Operating Systems; Artificial Intelligence

Graduated: May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, *GEM Fellow*

June 2021 – August 2021

Skills/Tools: JavaScript/React, Elasticsearch

- Developed web application using JavaScript/React to assist cyber analysts in detecting anomalous behaviors on machines
- Implemented interactive data visualizations (i.e., treemap, collapsible tree) with filtering systems using JavaScript

Stanford University, *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow*

June 2020 – August 2020

Stanford Ocean Acidification Experience

Skills/Tools: Python (Pandas, NumPy)

- Created python script to calculate and collectively summarize tracking data (i.e. head translation, hand translation) of participants during VR experience
- Generated python script to organize summarized tracking data in order to enable easy access

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, *Research Assistant*

Sept 2019 – Dec 2019

Sleep Analytics by Analyzing Leg Movements During Sleep

Skills/Tools: Python (Pandas, NumPy), Jupyter Notebook

- Used Python to collect and analyze physiological data (i.e. Blood Volume Pulse, Heart Rate, Accelerometer)
- Used Python to generate graphs that plotted distribution of physiological data
- Designed and implemented algorithm that calculated root mean square (RMS) of physiological data

Cornell University, *LSAMP Research Scholar*

June 2019 – August 2019

Leveraging Big Data to Mediate Online Conflicts

Skills/Tools: Python (Pandas, NumPy), Jupyter Notebook

- Developed a chrome extension to mediate conflicts on Reddit using JavaScript and Python
- Detected nuances in language indicative of conflict on Reddit using Natural Language Processing
- Generated and analyzed toxicity scores for comments on Reddit to identify monotonic trends of toxicity within conversations

WORK EXPERIENCES

UMBC, *Resident Assistant*

August 2019 – May 2021

- Supervised a university apartment complex of 30 undergraduate students
- Organized monthly events to enhance the social, educational, community and personal development of residents

- Enforced University and Residential Life rules and regulations resulting in a safe and orderly living environment

PRESENTATIONS

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| Summer 2021 | Lewis, Aaleyah. "Developing Interactive Tool to Assist Cyber Analysts in Detecting Anomalous Behavior on Machines" ORNL Research Symposium |
| Summer 2020 | Lewis, Aaleyah. "Virtual Reality in Environmental Education: Investigating the Efficacy of VR as an Educational Tool for Ocean Acidification" Stanford University SURF Research Symposium |
| Spring 2020 | Lewis, Aaleyah. "Conflict Mediation at Scale: Leveraging Big Data to Mediate Online Conflicts" Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day (URCAD) |

PROJECT

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| GritView, Software Engineering | September 2020 – December 2020 |
| This API provides students with access to data relating to course details, professors, course grades and course evaluations from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). We used python and Flask for the web framework and developed the database using PostgreSQL. Agile Scrum methodology was used throughout this process with 2-week sprints. As a developer for this project, I designed the course endpoint, which had two query parameters (i.e., course name and semester), and returned the course details, professors who taught the course and the grades received in the course. | |
| Wine Quality Assurance | November 2019 – December 2019 |
| The goal of this project was to predict wine types qualitatively (i.e., red, white) using binary classification. In addition, I predicted wine quality through the use of regression with a quantitative value ranging from 1-10, inclusively. In order to complete this task, I used Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and Neural Networks for classification methods. For regression methods, I used SGD Regressor, Decision Tree, Linear Regression. | |

LEADERSHIP

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| Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Scholars Program | 2018 – present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program is designed to prepare students for graduate studies across all disciplines. As a McNair Scholar, I am involved in a community of diverse scholars who are pursuing a Ph.D. I served as the McNair Ambassador for Recruitment and Special Event where I designed and implemented recruitment efforts to increase student interests and enrollment into the program. In addition, I served as a conference ambassador where I helped plan and host our annual research conference. | |
| Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program | 2017 - present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program aims to substantially increase the amount of minority students attaining graduate degrees in STEM fields. As a LSAMP Scholar, I have conducted research at my home institution through their fall and spring semester research fellowship programs. I have also participated as a panelist for the 2018 and 2020 LSAMP Summer Bridging Conference which provides incoming freshmen with insight on how to successfully navigate their upcoming academic journeys. | |

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| National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) | 2017 – present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This collegiate organization’s goal is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community. As an active member of NSBE who desires to give back to my community, I became a mentor to help lowerclassmen navigate their undergraduate careers and prepare for their journeys beyond. | |
| Center for Women in Technology (CWIT) Scholars Program | 2017 - 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program aims to enable success for women and other minorities in STEM fields. As an active affiliate, I was on the CWIT Bites and Bytes committee where I helped to plan an overnight program for high school girls who are interested in pursuing STEM related careers. | |
| BlackcomputeHER Conference | 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BlackcomputeHER Conference is dedicated to supporting Black women in pursuing careers in technology. As a panelist, I spoke about my experience being a Black woman in STEM as well as an undergraduate researcher to encourage young girls to get involved in computing. | |

SKILLS

Programming: Python, C++, C, JavaScript, HTML/ CSS, SQL, R, RobotC

Software: Terminal, Jupyter Notebook, Autodesk Inventor, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)

Operating Systems: Mac OS

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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| College of Engineering Dean’s Fellowship | 2021 |
| GEM Fellowship | 2021 |
| ARCS Foundation Fellowship | 2021 |
| Paul G. Allen Departmental Fellowship | 2021 |
| Lockheed Martin Scholarship | 2021 |
| UMBC Undergraduate Researcher of the Week | 2020 |
| Cisco Security Business Group Scholarship | 2020 |
| Stanford University Scholar Spotlight | 2020 |
| Summer Research Institute Fellow | 2020 |
| ACM Richard Tapia Scholarship | 2020 |
| Georgia Tech Focus Scholar | 2019 |
| Lockheed Martin Scholarship | 2019 |
| UMBC Undergraduate Research Award Recipient | 2019 |
| Grace Hopper Celebration Scholarship | 2019 |
| CWIT Affiliate Recognition Award | 2018 |