

**Education** 

**University of Pennsylvania** · *Philadelphia, PA* School of Engineering & Applied Science Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Engineering

expected May 2026 GPA: 3.70/4.0

Major: Computer Graphics (Digital Media Design); Minor: Design Relevant coursework: Interactive Computer Graphics; Computer Systems; Computational Linear Algebra; Data Structures and Algorithms; Art, Design and Digital Culture

# **Relevant Experience**

### **University of Pennsylvania**

August 2023 — present

Full Stack Developer

- Designed and shipped an online playground for writing Scallop, a neurosymbolic programming language written in Rust, successfully running most queries in ~2 seconds
- Architected and implemented 2 API routes between the Next.js frontend and Flask backend via tRPC and Prisma
- Extend the platform to support user authentication, multiple project support, and project creation from templates through 9 interactive demos from the research paper

### **Engineering Summer Academy at Penn**

July 2023

Residential Teaching Assistant

- Supported professor in teaching 50+ high school students a college-level computer science course using Python and Jupyter notebooks
- Planned daily activities for 7 students across 3 weeks while on a limited budget
- Aided students' learning through out-of-classroom support via Ed Discussion, daily office hours, and 1 supplemental homework

New America June — August 2023

build4good Intern

- Overhauled the build4good website and fixed 9 critical accessibility and screen reader issues with WordPress and Elementor
- Researched and contributed findings on user interaction and design with regards to interactive geological timelines, providing guidance on the top 3 tools to achieve this

# Leadership

TEDxPenn October 2022 — present

**Design Team** 

- Designed main theme logo and branding for last year's conference, (R)EVOLUTION, with 700+ attendees and featured speakers like Anthony Russo
- Create and uphold a cohesive brand language for all outward-facing aspects of the organization, including team merchandise, 15 social media posts, and other materials.

Penn UPGRADE

January 2023 - present

Event Organizer, Public Relations

- Coordinate, plan, and prepare events for Penn's premier game development club, including a field trip to PAX East, 1 club-wide game jam, and 2 speaker events
- Service communication channels like Instagram and Discord, and design posters, flyers, and brochures for further student outreach

**PennApps** 

February 2023 — present

Creative Team

 Brainstorm and create all visual aspects of the world's oldest collegiate hackathon to keep the event visually cohesive and inviting.

#### **Penn ACM SIGGRAPH Chapter**

October 2022 - present

Webmaster, Board Member

- · Coordinate activities and events including workshops, demo reels, and guest speakers.
- Manage and continually update the club website using Next.js and Three.js.

## **Technical Skills**

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#### Languages

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C++, GLSL, JavaScript/TypeScript, Java, C#, Python

#### Platforms + Tools

Git, GitHub, Vercel, Linux, Unity, Photoshop, Illustrator, Figma, WordPress, Astro

#### Frameworks + Libraries

React, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, OpenGL, Qt, tRPC, Prisma

# **Selected Projects**

#### sddm-theme-corners

Extremely customizable login theme for SDDM, a session manager for Linux, written in QML

#### charl.sh

Personal website made with Astro, React, and Tailwind CSS

### **RCW**

Endless Unity minigame about matching colors and text, based on the Stroop effect

#### **Interests**

Open source, procedural graphics, front end, functional programming, UI/UX design, game development

Running, playing bass guitar, reading manga, designing album covers, Geometry Dash