

SEAN YANG

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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo

Candidate for Bachelor of Software Engineering

Expected May 2029

- **Cumulative GPA:** 4.0/4.0 (Term Distinction awarded for first term)
- **Activities:** Wautonomous Robotics Engineer, Quizbowl Team

PROJECTS

Wundernn Market State Prediction

Wunderlab ML Challenge

Oct 2025 – Dec 2025

- Designed a **Transformer-based time series model** for noisy financial sequences
- Outperformed the participant average (0.396 vs 0.309 mean R²) and placing **top 5% of 2900+ competitors**
- Evaluated sinusoidal vs learnable positional encodings, ultimately combining both to improve long-range dependency capture
- Tuned model depth and dropout to reduce overfitting, prioritizing validation performance over leaderboard gains
- Trained and evaluated models locally on GPU, iterating on architecture under practical compute constraints

Bucket (Student Dashboard)

Personal Project

Nov 2025 – Present

- Built and deployed a **full-stack student dashboard** using React, Next.js, GraphQL (Hasura), and PostgreSQL
- Launched and operated the platform for real users, reaching **40+ monthly active users** with **493+ created resources**
- Designed backend data models and **GraphQL APIs** to support course management, grade tracking, and real-time queries
- Implemented **Google OAuth** authentication and **Dockerized microservices** for local development and deployment

ezp2p (Peer-to-Peer Multiplayer Games)

Personal Project

Dec 2024 – Present

- Developed browser-based peer-to-peer multiplayer games using **WebRTC DataChannels** with a frontend-first architecture
- Designed a modular networking library in **TypeScript** to abstract peer connections and game state synchronization
- Implemented deterministic game state updates with sequence-based ordering to ensure peer convergence without a central server

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

WATonomous

Robotics Software Engineer

Waterloo, Ontario

Sep 2025 – Present

- Developed concurrent robotics software in C++ using **ROS 2** for autonomous vehicle systems
- Built and evaluated rapid-inference **predictive models** for external agent behavior to improve safety decisions
- Collaborated in a cross-functional team to integrate perception, world modelling, planning, and action nodes
- Implemented unit and integration tests to ensure software reliability in real-world scenarios
- Maintained **Docker-based development environments** to support reproducible testing and deployment

AYJ Coding Club

North York, Ontario

Jun 2024 – Jun 2025

Senior Lecturer & Problem Setter

- Led bi-weekly lectures on algorithms and data structures for competitive programming to **50+ high school students**
- Authored original problems and automated **C++ graders** with **250+ total submissions** from students on the club's online judge

HONORS AND AWARDS

Certificates of Distinction in the Euclid, CSMC, & CCC (Sr. Div.) Contests

North York, Ontario

Issued by *University of Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC)*

Jun 2025

Computer Science & Chemistry Excellence Awards

North York, Ontario

Issued by *A.Y. Jackson Secondary School*

Jun 2025

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** C++, Python, Java, Javascript
- **Frameworks & Technologies:** Git, Linux, React, Next.js, Docker, ROS 2 (Humble), Tailwind CSS, GraphQL (Hasura), Flask
- **Machine Learning:** PyTorch, Time Series Modelling, Predictive Modelling, Model Evaluation & Tuning