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## Awards

### Anita Borg Institute GHC Scholar

**June 2016.** Won an all-expenses paid trip to the Grace Hopper Celebration for excellence in innovation & leadership.

### PanHellenic Scholar

**May 2016.** Received a merit scholarship that honors exceptional undergraduates of Greek-American heritage.

## Personal Projects

### TweetFund

**August 2016 – Present.**

Creating a Chrome extension that facilitates donations to causes that are trending hashtags. Technologies used: JavaScript.

### Myrror

**January 2016 - Present.**

Developed and cast a web app onto a two-way mirror in order to assess young adult body confidence using the principles of social comparison theory. Pitched proof of concept to 50+ students and professors. Currently revamping the interface with the intent of publishing a paper. Technologies used: JavaScript, JQuery, Firebase API.

### Dibz

**January 2016 – June 2016.**

Founded and developed a web app that offers online sellers the ability to generate a bitlink to share a listing in informal, online communities. Launched to 50+ beta testers. Technologies used: JavaScript, RiotJS, Firebase API, HTML/CSS.

### Rude

**February 2016 (HackIllinois).**

Coded Android app that encourages users to spend quality time socializing without checking their phone. Technologies used: Java, Facebook API.

## Education

### Northwestern University | Computer Science, minor in Chemistry

**Anticipated June 2017.** Cumulative GPA: 3.69/4.00

## Work Experience

### Delta Lab | iOS Developer & UX Researcher

**Anticipated September 2016.** Will build a "zombie run"-inspired iOS app that motivates runners while simultaneously crowdsourcing data about the public infrastructure around them. Languages used: Swift.

### Clarifai | Champion (Remote Developer Evangelist)

**August 2016 – Present.** Presented introduction to APIs lecture & Twitter Bot tutorial to 140+ viewers on YouTube Live. Will code projects that showcase the Clarifai API, host more in-person and online talks, and maintain a tech blog. Technologies used: Python, Twitter API.

### GE Healthcare | Software Engineering Intern

**June 2016 – August 2016.** Contributed 300+ lines of code to the Media Manager web app, which expedites the binding of images & videos to patient data in a vendor-neutral archive. Spearheaded the creation of a mock server to prevent end-to-end testing with sensitive patient information. Technologies used: AngularJS 2, NodeJS, ExpressJS, TypeScript, HTML/CSS.

### Northwestern University | Teaching Assistant

**December 2015 – Present.** Assists students in an introductory programming course through the creation of a network and with object-oriented programming questions. Languages used: C++.

## Extracurriculars & Offices Held

### Women in Computing | Internal President

**April 2015 – Present.** Established first-ever mentorship program for undergraduate & graduate women in tech, with 40+ participants in the pilot program. Organizes and teaches at weekly, campus hack nights with 100+ attendees. Founded BuildHer women's hackathon, projected for April 2017.

### EPIC | Project Lead & Web Developer

**April 2016 – Present.** Built website for the Northwestern Venture Challenge. Technologies used: Sass, Gulp, JavaScript, HTML/CSS.

### Peer Health Exchange | Senior Health Educator

**September 2014 – May 2016.** Taught the ninth grade health & sexual education curriculum at Chicago Public Schools.