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Education

Westminster College

New Wilmington, PA

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Financial Economics

August 2015 - May 2019

- 3.7 GPA; Minor in Computer Science
- Honors Thesis in Hierarchical Temporal Memory focused on A.I. and Time Series Analysis
- Endowment Fund, Honors Program, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Men's Choir, Omicron Kappa Sigma, Pi Sigma Pi, and Secretary of Robotics Team

Professional Experience

Data Science Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at UCLA / Praedicat, Inc.

June 2018 -August 2018

- Selected to be a part of 2018's Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS) at UCLA.
- Worked for Praedicat, Inc. automating information extraction, classification, and aggregation from unstructured web data for business profiling of over 52,600 companies and corporate entities.
- Used big data, deep neural networks, knowledge graphs, parallel programming, RDFs, and many other techniques to provide Praedicat, Inc. with a new tool for automatically finding information.

Software Engineer and Systems Administrator

New Wilmington, PA

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

May 2018 - Present

- Responsible for the hardware and software required to keep the radio and television station operating.
- Wrote software to automate work and improve user experience including a program to automatically update the weather conditions on air and automatically Tweet Severe Weather Warnings.

Information Technology Intern

New Castle, PA

Treloar & Heisel

September 2018 - Present

- Responsible for data science and automation necessary for building, maintaining, and utilizing databases including data validation, database normalization, and automated report generation.
- Developed a variety of applications for company use in Java, Python, and Visual Basic.

Web Developer and Teaching Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Westminster College

August 2015 - Present

- Lead recruitment efforts including bringing a Girls Who Code Club to campus and developing a
 website for marketing and recruiting purposes using React and Ruby on Rails.
- Assisted professors in grading, working with students individually, and developing curriculum for classes covering coursework in Calculus, Computer Science, and Operations Research.

Financial Analyst Various

Program with Moody's Investors Service VP Ben Nelson

December 2017 - June 2018

- Responsible for data science and econometrics on S&P 500 companies.
- Presented a credit ratings and bond and stock recommendations to a panel of experts.

Research

Computational Fact-Checking through Relational Similarity based Path Mining

July 2018 - Present

- Developed an algorithm in Python and Cython for computational fact-checking on knowledge networks called *RelPredPath* based on network flow, relational similarity, and discriminative path mining
- Presented our work at IPAM and continually optimizing the algorithm's Graph Theory algorithm implementations in the hopes of presenting at conferences and publishing

An Exploration of the Logical and Topological Properties of Hierarchical Temporal Memory Networks

December 2017 - Present

- Ongoing research in artificial intelligence modeled after the neocortex.
- Working to improve the encoding and decoding mechanisms of Hierarchical Temporal Memory through topology and attempting to use fuzzy logic to improve the performance or forecasting ability.

Minimum Square Deviance k-Chinese Postman Problems

August 2017 - December 2017

- Worked on this variation of the k-Chinese Postman Problem with Dr. Natacha Merz. We focused on finding solutions for lattice graphs like the square grid graph.
- Unable to prove any of our results because of the intractability of the problem.

Algorithmic Game Theory

January 2017 - May 2017

- Developed simple machine learning algorithms in Java to play repeated-play simultaneous games such as Chicken and the Colonel Blotto Game.
- Presented my results at Westminster's 2017 Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration and the Mathematical Association of America's Allegheny Mountain Section 2017 Spring Meeting.

Optimizing Throughput, Cost, and Safety in Toll Booth Plazas January 2017

• Lead a team of mathematicians over a single weekend in COMAP's International Mathematical Modeling

- Competition to produce a 20-page research paper.
- Received Honorable Mention for our solution, placing us in the top 13 in the United States and presented our results at 2017 Pi Mu Epsilon Regional Conference

Awards

• Best Robot in Division Prize for Senior Unique Division "Robot in the Division with the lowest Total Final Scores"	$\begin{array}{c} {\rm August~2018} \\ {\it Trinity~Fire~Fighting~Robot~Contest} \end{array}$
North America Award for Level 2 "The top North American robot in Level 2"	$\begin{array}{c} {\rm August~2018} \\ {\it Trinity~Fire~Fighting~Robot~Contest} \end{array}$
• Dr. Thomas R. Nealeigh Mathematics Scholarship "awarded to an outstanding junior or senior mathematics major"	March 2018 Westminster College
Paul E. Brown Memorial Scholarship "given based on merit and academic achievement"	March 2017 Westminster College
Mathematics Book Award "presented to the sophomore Mathematics major with the highest GP.	A" March 2017 Westminster College
RIT Computing Medal "in recognition of outstanding achievement in computing"	May 2014 Westminster College

Skills

Computer Science: Parallel Programming, Robotics, Software Engineering, System Administration, Virtualization, Web Development

Data Science: A.I., Big Data, Cognitive Computing, Information Extraction, Machine Learning

Finance and Economics: Algorithmic Trading, Corporate Credit Analysis, GAAP, Risk Analysis

Languages: Python (and Cython), Java, C++, Bash, R, HTML, CSS, XML, Ruby (and Ruby on Rails), Javascript (and React), SQL, Visual Basic

Software & Tools: AWS, Google Cloud, NLTK, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, Selenium