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## EDUCATION

### **Duke University**

**Durham, NC**

*B.S in Computer Science & B.A in Philosophy; Minor in Mathematics*

*Class of 2025*

- GPA: 3.96/4.00 (Dean's List)
- Notable Classes: Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Data Structures & Algorithms, Probability, Intro to Computer Systems, Vector Calculus, Matrices & Vector Spaces, Computer Network Architecture, Discrete Math for Computer Science

### **Governor Livingston High School**

**Berkeley Heights, NJ**

*Graduate*

*Class of 2020*

- GPA: 4.86/4.50; ACT: 36/36; Varsity Track and Field Hurdler

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

- [CLPM](#): A locally encrypted command-line password manager built with 256-bit AES encryption; Python, SQLite3, and Click.
- [Pet Breed Classifier](#): A convolutional neural network using a 34-layer ResNet architecture trained on the Oxford-IIIT Pet Database; Python, TensorFlow, NumPy, and Pandas.

## SKILLS

- Python, Java, C, JavaScript, Racket, Git, HTML, CSS, FastAPI, Scikit-Learn, Keras/Tensorflow, Polish

## EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

### **Aztec Network Grant Program: zkMNIST**

**Remote**

*Software Developer & Grantee*

*July 2023 – Current*

- Testing the limits of Aztec's DSL, Noir, for zero-knowledge (ZK) machine-learning by creating a circuit to prove/verify the output of an artificial neural network trained to classify handwritten digits.
- Building a full-stack application to provide an easy interface to verify/prove the prediction of handwritten digits using Next.js, Typescript, Solidity, Python, Keras/TensorFlow.

### **Spice Finance**

**New York, NY**

*Software Developer*

*May 2022 – August 2022*

- Designed and developed a decentralized finance product focused on liquidity scaling for digital assets that led to \$1.7mm of funding at a \$20mm valuation.
- Built a full-scale API with FastAPI for an industry-leading ML digital asset appraisal model.
- Designed and constructed an automated capital allocation algorithm for asset-backed lending in Python.
- Derived a variety of exotic option pricing models for asset-backed loans.

### **NJIT Provost Summer Research Program**

**Newark, NJ**

*Research Intern under Professor Shahriar Afkhami*

*June 2019 – August 2019*

- Researched, simulated, and modeled the effects of several physical parameters on the dynamics of magnetic drug targeting using MATLAB's Machine Learning Toolbox.
- Computed a realistic range of injection locations and blood vessel radii for implementing magnetic drug targeting against invasive tumors.
- Optimized parameters to capture 80% of the magnetic particles using gaussian process, polynomial, and spline regression machine learning models.

### **ARCC: Pacific Northwest Gap Semester**

**Pacific Northwest, U.S.**

*Volunteer Team Member*

*February 2021 – May 2021*

- Cleared forest understory in the conservation effort against invasive Kāhili ginger in Volcanoes National Park under the guidance of Ranger John Stallman.
- Volunteered at a local Washington ultra-sustainable permaculture farm and commune.