# **ALLEN LAO**

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## Education

#### **NYU Polytechnic school of Engineering**

2014-2018(Anticipated Graduation date)

- B.S. Computer Engineering
- Relevant Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms, Introduction to C++, Python, Introduction to Engineering Design and Innovation, Digital Logic, Design & Analysis of Algorithms

## **Technical Skills**

- Microsoft Office / Microsoft SketchUp
- LEGO Mindstorms
- LabVIEW
- AutoCAD
- Prezi

- C++
- Python
- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript

## Related Projects

## **Search and Recovery Robot**

Sept. 2014 – Dec. 2014

- Designed an autonomous robot that traversed an obstacle course and pick up nodes
- Utilized Microsoft SketchUp to design robot, built using LEGO Mindstorms, managed team with Microsoft Project
- Nominated for the Nick Russo Award for Outstanding General Engineering Design

## VertiLife - Vertical Livestock Farming

Jan. 2015 – May 2015

- Developed a concept improving livestock farming by utilizing vertical expansion as opposed to current methods
- Interviewed farmers in the industry and created a proposal for a MVP using Prezi, and presented idea to colleagues

# Work Experience & Leadership

## **Operations Intern - NextGenVest**

August 2016- Present

- Communicated with school administrators across the nation to setup workshops and presentations
- Improved the operational processes and strategies within the startup (marketing strategies and initiatives)
- Engaged in direct outreach with students both in-person and virtually

#### Volunteer - Habitat for Humanity

Sep. 2010 – Present

- Contributed over 100 hours to building housing for people in need both in Alabama and New York
- Engaged in hands-on projects that involved planning, construction, and team work

#### Restaurant Assistant Manager – Chop Suey Inn

Sep. 2010 – July 2015

- Lead a team of employees, worked with customers to ensure satisfaction, and fostered a working team environment
- Improved communication and time management skills immensely and helped in dealing with stressful situations over long stretches of time

## **Volunteer - Exceptional Foundation**

Sep. 2011 – Sep. 2014

- Assisted children with special needs with daily activities requiring lots of interaction with team members in order to create a safe learning community
- Engaged in team building exercises, improved patience for others, and developed improved communication skills