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**EDUCATION****Yale University**, New Haven, CT - *B.A. in Computer Science, Expected May 2018***The Hotchkiss School**, Lakeville, CT *Diploma 2014***Brookhouse International School**, Nairobi, Kenya (March - April 2012)**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- May 2016 – Aug. 2016 **Facebook Inc.** *Android Development Intern*, Menlo Park, CA
- Developed a new feature for the Profile Team
  - Designed modular, extensible, & reusable components within parts of the codebase
  - Wrote unit tests for code paths
- June 2015 – Aug. 2015 **Facebook University** *Android Development Engineering Intern*
- Participated in Big Nerd Ranch Android Development Course
  - Co-Created an Android Application – DDIY
    - A platform for college students to post and accept task that need to be done
    - Implemented Venmo API, camera & photo features, conditionals
- Yale Student Ambassador**
- Coordinate events (Hackathons, engineer panels etc.) for Yale campus recruitment
  - Promote Facebook's brand name on campus
- Aug. 2015 – Current **Yale University Dean's Office** *Peer Liaison to the Afro-American Cultural Center*
- Trained to facilitate difficult conversations on race, class, and conflict resolution
  - Serve as a resource to first-year students
- Jan. 2015 – June 2016 **Yale School of Management**, *Alumni Relations Office Assistant*, New Haven, CT
- Performed Mail Merges and Excel organizations for board meeting materials
- July 2014 – Aug. 2014 **Home Box Office (HBO)**, *Digital Products Quality Assurance Intern*, New York, NY
- Wrote Test Cases for new HBO Go developments
  - Established social media presence for the HBO employer brand
  - Developed internal websites for the QA team to host their automated test results

**ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER**

- Sept. 2014 – Current **Black Student Alliance at Yale** *President (Past: Social Events Chair, Freshmen Liaison)*
- Enhanced the lives of Black Students at Yale through political and community action
  - Facilitated weekly discussions on the intersections of race with broader topics
  - Organized protests and volunteer opportunities within the local community
- Feb. 2015 – Current **SheCode** *Co-Founder, Head TA*
- Designed & taught curriculum to local 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> girls to learn Computer Science basics
- Sept. 2015 – May 2016 **Float Yale** *Mentor*
- Supported women in technology through community meetings
- May 2015 - Current **National Society of Black Engineers** *Collegiate Member*
- July 2015 **Girls Who Code Panel**
- Invited to sit on "Women in Tech" panel for the annual Girls Who Code conference
  - Answered questions about my past experiences and path into Computer Science
- May 2015 **Guest Speaker at Innovation Design Entrepreneurship and Action (IDEA) Academy**
- IDEA Academy aims to prepare students to graduate & qualify for science, technology, or math focused careers.
  - Invited to speak to young women in IDEA Academy on entrepreneurship
  - Aimed to broaden students' perception of leadership, representation, & social action

**SKILLS****Computers & Programming:** C, PHP, Java, Racket, HTML, CSS, Python, Git, Drupal, Darcy**Foreign Language:** Work proficient in Spanish**AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

2016: Jopwell Essay Contest Winner, Black Solidarity Conf.

2015, 2016: Yale Amy Rossborough Social Justice Fellow

2016: GoDaddy Grace Hopper Conference Scholarship Recipient