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Education ————————————————————————————————————	
Rice University 20	017 - present
 BS Computer Science & BA Cognitive Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.40 	Houston, TX
Westwood High School	2013 - 2017
 GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), National Merit Scholar, Graduated May 2017 	Austin, TX
Work Experience	
	2019-present
Computational neuroscience project studying speech vs. non-speech perception	Houston, TX
UT Austin, College of Natural Sciences, Vertebrate Interactome Lab Summer Research Intern	2016
DNA recombineering of DHX35 gene in E. coli, and computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria	Austin, TX
Conference Presentations ————————————————————————————————————	
 PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author more Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / 2016 Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session) 	Dec 2016 Colorado
Software Development Skills ———————————————————————————————————	
Programming Languages & Frameworks 20	013 - present
Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React	
 Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Hasura's Postgres + GraphQL, Git 	
Software Design	013 - present
Systematic Program Design - Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2	
 Typed functional programming (Java 8+, Python 3.5+, ReasonML/OCaml), Object-Oriented Design 	
	017 - present
 Test-driven development, unit & property-based tests, Python: Pytest, Java: JUnit 5 & QuickTheories 	
Projects —	
Lentil - A Web-Based Musician's Feedback Service Independent Project repo demo 20 ● Musicians submit performances and receive pointed feedback from others (ReasonML, React, Postgres)	018 - present
Physics Sunset Independent Project repo demo	2017
• Design and implement a browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML)	
Disease Transmission Analysis from Outbreak Data	2018
• Infer disease transmission tree from disease outbreak genetic + epidemiological data using RDMST (Pytho	n)
DNA Sequence Alignment	2018
 Design and implement dynamic programming solutions to DNA sequence alignment problems (Python) 	
 Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene 	
Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees	2018
 Infer evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for leaf taxa and plausible mutations (Python) 	
Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging (NLP)	2018
Implement statistical learning of HMM using training corpus of pre-tagged sentences (Python)	
 Implement Viterbi algorithm to assign part-of-speech tags to new sentences using trained HMM 	
 Impact of Language on Perception Independent Project repo Analyzed the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis and its implications in multiple perceptual categories 	2016
Chef Arduino Independent Project repo	2011
Conceive, design, build, and program an Arduino-based robot to test properties of food samples	

Organizations and Activities CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University CS Club, Rice University Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University 2017 - present 2017 - present

SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University
 Club Tennis, Rice University
 2017 - present

• Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons soundcloud youtube 2007 - present

2015 - 2017

• PyLadies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming, presentations