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**Education** 

**Rice University** 2017 - present Houston, TX Computer Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.21 **Westwood High School** 2013 - 2017 Austin, TX GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), National Merit Scholar, Graduated May 2017 **Conference Presentations** PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author more Dec 2016 Colorado Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session) **Projects Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service** Independent Project demo Summer 2018 - present Conceive, design, and implement a web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML + React) Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from teachers **Physics Sunset** *Independent Project* Summer 2017 repo <u>demo</u> Design and implement browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML) **Disease Transmission Analysis** Spring 2018 Design and implement rooted-directed minimal spanning tree algorithm (Python) Analyze genetic + epidemiological data from 2011 disease outbreak to infer the disease transmission tree **DNA Sequence Alignment** Spring 2018 Design and implement DP solutions to two DNA sequence alignment problems (Python) Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees Spring 2018 Infer the optimal evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for the leaf taxa (Python) **Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging** Spring 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 **Chef Arduino** Independent Project 2010 - 2011 Conceive, design, build, and program an Arduino-based robot to test properties of food samples **Software Development Skills Programming Languages & Frameworks** 2013 - present Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy **Software Design** 2013 - present Systematic Program Design - Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2 Functional programming with types **Software Testing** 2017 - present Test-driven development, unit-tests, property-based tests Python testing using Pytest, Java testing using JUnit 5 & QuickTheories Work Experience **UT Austin Summer Research Academy - College of Natural Sciences** Summer Intern 2015, 2016

Austin, TX

DNA extraction, splicing, and recombineering of the DHX35 gene using E. coli

Conducted computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Worked with Dr. Al Mackrell in the Vertebrate Interactome Mapping Lab

## **Organizations and Activities**

CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University	2017 - present
CS Club, Rice University	2017 - present
Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University	2017 - present
SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University	2017 - present
Club Tennis, Rice University	2017 - present
• Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons <u>soundcloud</u> <u>youtube</u>	2007 - present
PyLadies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming, presentations	2015 - 2017