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EDUCATION

Rutgers University - Honors College

New Brunswick, NJ

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Data Science

Expected Graduation: May 2027

GPA: 3.96/4.00, Dean's List (all semesters)

Coursework: Data Structures, Design and Analysis of Computer Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Numerical Analysis and Computing, Data Management for Data Science, Discrete Structures, Statistics, Linear Algebra

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Java, Swift, Python, C, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL, PostgreSQL

Frameworks & Libraries: React, Node.js, Next.js, MediaPipe, OpenCV, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib

Tools & Platforms: Git, Firebase, Supabase, MongoDB, AWS, Xcode, Android Studio Code, Docker

Certifications: Java Foundations Certified Junior Associate, Database Foundations Certified Junior Associate

EXPERIENCE

IBM

Incoming Summer 2026

Back End Developer Intern

Poughkeepsie, NY

Idler (YC25)'s Widget Factory

January 2026 – Present

Problem Design Engineer

Remote

- Evaluated fairness of coding problems used to assess LLM agents by analyzing task descriptions, test suites, and agent solution attempts against codebase context
- Determined whether agent failures resulted from implementation errors versus ambiguous task specifications to ensure **evaluation quality standards**

Lykke

December 2025 – Present

Software Engineer

Remote

- Engineered a Chrome extension to automate the ingestion of academic data from Canvas LMS and developed external clipping tools to extract and structure content from YouTube transcripts and web articles
- Spearheaded a comprehensive **full-stack redesign**, re-architecting the backend infrastructure and user interface to optimize performance and ensure cross-platform compatibility with the mobile application
- Transformed disparate student resources into structured inputs for a conversational RAG-based knowledge graph

PROJECTS

Scarlet Sync | *React, TypeScript, Python, Supabase, PostgreSQL* (Website)

May 2025 – Present

- Founded a full-stack academic planning platform for **900+ users**, solving student inefficiencies by unifying 2,500+ courses and 500+ degree programs from 4 university websites
- Designed a social scheduling system for collaborative degree planning, course exploration, and schedule sharing
- Awarded **3rd place** in the Rutgers Shark Tank competition and secured formal commendations from Rutgers IT (OIT) and similar departments' leadership by pitching the platform's integration into institutional academic infrastructure

Daily Vocabulary Trainer | *Xcode, Swift* (App Store)

January 2020 – July 2023

- Launched a native iOS vocabulary-building app with **2,200+ downloads** and a **4.9/5 App Store rating** by making learning engaging for a wide audience
- Implemented a comprehensive feature set, including gamified quizzes and flashcard systems, to drive user retention and facilitate effective learning across a curated library of over 500 words

Fetchr (HackRU 2025) | *React, Python, Swift, Firebase* (Devpost)

October 2025 – October 2025

- Prototyped a lightweight smart collar during a hackathon using ESP32, accelerometer, heart rate sensor, and GPS to collect real-time pet location and activity data
- Developed and trained a machine learning model to detect abnormal pet behaviors, integrating it with Firebase backend and Swift mobile app to deliver immediate owner alerts