Ben Piekarz

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EDUCATION

Brown University, 4.00/4.00 GPA, *Computer Science, S.C.B & Economics, A.B.*   Providence, RI | Class of 2024
Courses**:** Algorithms & Data Structs, Systems, OOP, Statistical Inference, Micro/Macroeconomics, Linear Algebra, Web Dev
Homestead High School, 4.00/4.00 GPA Unweighted   Cupertino, CA | Class of 2020
Courses: Economics, Government, Intro Java, Intro Python, Calculus BC, Statistics

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Van Wickle Ventures, *Associate & VP Operations*   Providence, RI | Dec 2020 - Present
- Conduct sourcing, due diligence, deal execution and post-investment management at Brown's student-run VC fund
- Manage the budget and oversee communications with Brown's advancement office
- Plan strategic events/conferences targeting Brown community members and alumni investors
- Actively partook in the investment process and review of two $25k investments in startups

J-Ventures VC Fund, *Fellow*   Palo Alto, CA | Jul 2020 – Present
- Source deals, meet and communicate with entrepreneurs on a weekly basis, conducst due diligence
- Participate in monthly fund meetings, vote for or against investments along with ~200 limited fund partners
- Took part in a week-long VC learning program featuring J-Ventures executives from Apple, Facebook, Sequoia Capital, etc.

TAMID Group @ Brown, *Strategy Consultant*   Providence, RI | Sep 2020 – Present
- Consult Israeli startups with market research, recommendations, and data analysis

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Rocket Alumni Solutions, *Full-Stack Engineer & Sales Representative*   Providence, RI | May 2021 - Present
- Early employee at $180k ARR SAAS digital hall of fame startup
- Resolve weekly engineering Jira tickets and perform code review/testing
- Strengthen integration between Python back-end and Vue.js front-end
- Perform zoom demonstrations to potential clients

Brown Investment Group, *Portfolio Manager & Research Committee Analyst*   Providence, RI | Sep 2020 - Present
- Vote on stock picks as part of the research committee for Brown's largest investment group, managing approximately $400k of Brown endowment funds
- Communicate BIG stock picks to the Brown endowment office and determine how many shares to purchase
- Analyze stocks in BIG portfolio focusing on valuation models, profitability and growth potential
- Co-lead weekly pitches related to technology, media, & telecom stocks to add to the portfolio

Sylvan Adams Sports Institute, *Data Analysis Intern*   Tel Aviv, Israel | Jun 2019 – Jul 2019
- Analyzed data from researchers evaluating physical capabilities of Israeli pro athletes using Python
- Worked with NumPy, Matplotlib, and Jupyter Notebooks to model patterns from athletic data

LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Tzofim – Israeli Scouts, *Kiosk Co-Founder & Chair of Tzofim Sales*   Palo Alto, CA | Aug 2018 – Jun 2020
- Founded a food and clothing store within Tzofim that generated nearly $10k in profit over two years
- Oversaw Tzofim's sales operations, including merchandise and membership payments, amassing nearly 1000 service hours

Group Counselor   Palo Alto, CA | Aug 2017 – Jun 2018
- Mentored a group of 5th grade girls, teaching Jewish/Israeli history and culture along with standard scouting activities
- Gained valuable leadership experience by organizing one of the yearly overnight retreats, Israeli holiday festivals at Palo Alto's Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Hi-5 Basketball, *Co-Founder & Volunteer Coach*   Mountain View, CA | Aug 2016 – Dec 2018
- Served as a volunteer coach for a group of 30+ elementary school-aged children at our weekly youth basketball clinics

ATHLETICS/CULTURAL

20th Maccabiah Games ("Jewish Olympics"), *Junior Competitor*   Jerusalem, Israel | Jun 2017 – Aug 2017
- Placed 5th in the 800m and 2nd in the 1600m relay
- Interacted with Jewish athletes and cultures from around the world, gaining international experience and cultural sensitivity

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical Languages: Python, Java, C, C++, HTML/CSS/JS
Technical Frameworks/Software: React.js, Vue.js, Django, Node.js, MongoDB, Bootstrap, jQuery, Tkinter, Microsoft Office
Languages: Native proficiency in English and Hebrew, full professional working proficiency in Spanish
Interests: Distance running, road & mountain biking, hooping, Warriors basketball, stock investing/trading, AI & its potential