

# Benjamin West

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## Education

### Bachelor of Arts

*Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN*

Graduation: May 2020

Major: Computer Science

GPA: 3.43/4.0

Awards: Dean's List, President's Scholarship, Bailey Environmental Scholarship, Jackson Scholarship

### Study Abroad

*Vina Del Mar, Chile*

July 2018 – December 2018

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## Related Experience

### Engineering Analyst

*Securian Financial, Saint Paul, MN*

September 2020 – December 2021

- Developed, maintained, and supported internal and external facing enterprise applications related to Group Life Insurance
- Worked in a team/agile scrum environment to drive projects through the software development lifecycle
- Collaborated across multiple teams and business units to engineer and test various projects
- Engaged stakeholders in bi-weekly ceremonies by presenting completed work
- Trained and mentored an intern to be able to successfully contribute to the code base and communicate with the team

### Sustainability Representative

*Saint John's Senate, Saint John's University, MN*

January 2019 – May 2019

- Served as a liaison between the student body and the school administration
- Chaired a sustainability committee built up of passionate student leaders from around campus
- Implemented sustainability initiatives on campus by working with residential life, dining services, etc.
- Planned, organized, and facilitated the school's spring sustainability fair, which brought in over 500 students

### Lead Fly Fishing Guide

*Sasquatch Fly Fishing Adventures, Rocky Mountain National Park, CO*

May 2018 – May 2020 (Summers)

- Lead clients from around the world on fly fishing excursions in the Rocky Mountains
- Assisted working in the fly shop by answering calls, booking trips and selling retail gear

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## Related Coursework

### GIS Project – ENVR311

*Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN*

Spring 2018

- Learned and utilized ArcView and ArcMap by completing graded tutorials and exercises throughout the semester
- Applied GIS theories and principles to all assignments, projects, and tests including an individual client project

### Capstone: Machine Learning Methods That Detect Wildfires

*Saint John's University, MN*

Spring 2020

- Studied how machine learning methods and geospatial data can detect wildfires over the course of a semester
- Wrote a scholarly, state of the field paper and presented my topic throughout the semester

### Agile Software Project – CS330

*Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN*

Fall 2019

- Practiced agile and SCRUM methodologies while developing an app with a team of seven students
- Created a calendar sharing and events app using Java, HTML, CSS, Firebase and GitHub

### Sustainable Urban Planning – ENVR300R

*Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN*

Fall 2019

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**Related Tech Skills:** Esri ArcGIS, SQL, Java, GitHub, Vue, Jira, Microsoft Teams, REST API, Microsoft Office

**Personality Types:** Myers-Briggs: ESTP      DiSC: (Di) / Results Oriented

**Activities/Interests:** Fly Fishing, Soccer, Acoustic Guitar, Sea Kayaking, Fly Tying

**Publications:** Routledge Handbook of Environmental Impact Assessment Ch. 17 - NEPA