# Benjamin A. Gertz

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### **EDUCATION**

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

B.S. Cell and Molecular Biology and Computer Science Coordinate Major

### **EXPERIENCE**

Software Development Intern, rMark Bio, Chicago, Illinois

May 2019- Present

Anticipated Grad. May 2020

GPA: 3.30 CS Major GPA: 3.69

- Developed a chat bot using the MS Bot Framework and the LUIS natural language understanding engine for a new way to interact with rMark APIs
- Built a RESTful API test harness using the Jest JavaScript testing framework
- Building a recommendation engine for speaker programs starting with ETLs to populate a neo4j graph, will be implementing an algorithm for social media analytics augmented by business rules, and an API for I/O

Genetics Research Intern, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel- Aviv University, Tel- Aviv, Israel

June- August 2018

- Raised and performed experiments on USPC-1 and 2 human ovarian cancer cells
- Results showed a correlation between exposure to IGF-1 and Insulin and expression of a gene responsible for the over production of estrogen, a cause of ovarian cancer

# Head Counselor, Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

June- August 2017

- Leveraged organizational and conflict mitigation skills to provide an engaging and safe summer camp experience
- Contacted and arranged enriching camper-led programs with local charities
- Worked cooperatively with camp management and colleagues to ensure a successful overall program

### **CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT**

Lab Intern, Tulane Department of Computer Science, New Orleans

August 2018- March 2019

- Contributed to a web-based tool for the implementation of a researcher's algorithm to determine the likelihood a sequence of amino acids within a protein will be useful in vaccine development
- Employed the python language using the Dash framework for graphical analysis and presentation
- Will allow any lab worldwide interested in using the algorithm to conduct their own research

Campus Legislative Coordinator, **Tulane Israel Political Action Committee**, New Orleans Secretary, **Tulane Israel Political Action Committee**, New Orleans

May 2018 – May 2019

April 2017- April 2018

- Maintained relationships with local congressman and senators to inform them on key issues regarding the American-Israeli relationship
- Constructed and published calendars of events and general meetings

## *Undergraduate Assistant*, **Tulane Medical School**, New Orleans

February- April 2018

- Worked on a team of researchers performing a clinical study to determine which factors beyond side effects cause people to choose to stop taking their medication
- Created and logged survey information for subjects using Redcap
- Top recruiter of elderly patients taking high blood pressure medication to participate in the study

Brother, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, Tau Upsilon Chapter

#### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- Computer: Git, Java, Python, C, Node.js, Windows, Mac and Linux terminal
- Language: Spanish (intermediate verbal, reading and writing)
- Fast learner, extremely "coachable," highly reliable and responsible, with a can-do attitude and attention to detail

#### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

• Intro to Computer Science I (Python and fundamental concepts), Intro to Computer Science II (Java and OOP, C, Haskell), Systems and Networking (OS fundamentals and IP), Discrete Math