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Summary

Creative and motivated undergraduate computer science student looking forward to gaining real-life industry experience in a fast-paced team. Passionate about guiding others through all things technology and excited to leverage skills learned in classes and activities to help other people.

Education

BS University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Computer Science Minneapolis, MN
• Cumulative GPA: 3.77 Aug 2024 – present
• Anticipated graduation: Dec 2027

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, Java, R, C, OCaml, HTML, JavaScript, CSS

Tools: Git/GitHub, Docker, Amazon Web Services, macOS, Linux, Windows

Experience

University of Minnesota Housing and Residential Life, Office Assistant Minneapolis, MN
• Provide essential support at 24/7 information desks in student residential halls, ensuring efficient customer service while also responding to building emergencies. Jan 2025 – present
• Work independently during overnight and late-hour shifts, demonstrating reliability and independence. 1 year

Projects

Wikipedia Editing Bot Mar 2022 – present
• Used Python to develop several scripts that perform daily automated edits on the English Wikipedia through the MediaWiki API.
• Reduced errors and mistakes to near-zero as the bot has performed over 20,000 trivial edits on live articles, saving human editors valuable time.

Personal Website Aug 2020 – present
• Designed and built a personal landing page from scratch using Astro, Svelte, UnoCSS, and Motion, with a focus on accessibility, responsiveness, and mobile-friendliness.
• Manage the live deployment using Cloudflare Workers.

Activities and Leadership

UMN Twin Cities Rotaract Club, Vice President, Past Communications Coordinator Minneapolis, MN
• Assist in leading an active student organization dedicated to volunteering with various community initiatives in the Minneapolis area. Sept 2024 – present
• Elected as president for the 2026–2027 academic year.
• Previously managed professional email communications to over 200 club members.

UMN Rocket Team, Member, Special Projects Subteam Minneapolis, MN
• Research, develop, and test high-powered amateur rocketry projects focused on testing new concepts, including two-stage flights. Sept 2025 – present
• Designed, built, and launched a personal rocket used to earn a Level 1 certification from the Tripoli Rocketry Association.

Verticality Casual Climbing, Treasurer

- Serve as a founding officer of a student organization dedicated to casual rock climbing, acting as the primary contact for legal/financial matters as the club develops.

Minneapolis, MN

Aug 2025 – present

UMN Science and Engineering Student Board, Mental Health Subdirector

- Worked with other college-level student and administrative leadership to plan events that promoted positivity in the University of Minnesota community.

Minneapolis, MN

Sept 2024 – May 2025

Awards

UMN College of Science and Engineering Dean's List

Recognized in two semesters for "superior academic performance."

Minneapolis, MN

Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year Semifinalist

Awarded for positively impacting local military families, schools, and communities.

San Antonio, TX

Jan 2024

Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout

Demonstrated long-term leadership, initiative, and commitment to community service.

Fort Leavenworth, KS

Oct 2023

US Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal

Awarded for supporting morale activities for thousands of military family members.

El Paso, TX

Apr 2022