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**Summary**

Detail-oriented and motivated Applied Computing student at the University of Arizona, graduating in August 2026 with an emphasis in DevOps. Strong foundational knowledge in cloud computing, system automation, and secure network practices, with hands-on experience in tools like Docker, Kubernetes, Git, and Linux. Certified in Cybersecurity Fundamentals and currently expanding expertise through industry-recognized certifications, including IBM’s Containerization and AWS Cloud Practitioner. Passionate about applying technical skills to real-world problems, contributing to collaborative teams, and continuously learning in fast-paced, innovative environments. Eager to launch a career in DevOps or Cloud Engineering with a company focused on growth, reliability, and automation.

**Education**

**University of Arizona**

*Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Computing, DevOps Emphasis*

*Expected Graduation: August 2026*

**Experience**

**Walmart Distribution & Logistics Center | Houston, Texas – Operations Desk Runner**

**September 2019 - Current**

* Supervised day-to-day operations within the distribution center, ensuring the timely and efficient movement of products to meet organizational and customer demands.

Coordinated communication between various teams (warehouse, transportation, and inventory management) to streamline processes and minimize delays.

* Strategically organized and supervised a team of 40+ employees to efficiently load time-sensitive freight into 18-wheeler trucks for statewide shipments across Texas.
* Utilized Excel and other computer tools to track and maintain operational deadlines, ensuring optimized pace and productivity throughout the logistics process.
* Delegated tasks to associates across various work sectors, effectively alleviating congestion and improving production flow, efficiency, and operational pace.
* Collaborated with cross-functional teams to resolve bottlenecks and streamline workflows, ensuring timely completion of shipments and maintaining service excellence.

**Countertop Creations & Drywall LLC | Houston, Texas - Company Owner - Chief Financial Officer**

**January 2020 – 2024**

* Led the development of competitive bids for drywall services, contributing to company sales exceeding $600,000 in 2024.
* Strategically managed cash flow for project timelines, leveraging advanced Excel techniques to optimize financial operations.
* Supervised quality control on multifamily projects to ensure compliance with city inspections and industry standards for drywall, tape and float, and texture applications.
* Coordinated payroll for labor workers while fostering strong relationships with superintendent clients to ensure project efficiency and satisfaction.
* Managed and reconciled all project-related expenses, including labor, materials, insurance, and other operational costs, to maintain budget accuracy and profitability.
* Developed and implemented cost-saving initiatives that optimized project budgets, enhanced resource allocation, and improved overall profitability for the company.

**Saltgrass Steakhouse| Houston, Texas - Server**

**February 2016 – 2019**

* Delivered exceptional customer service to a high volume of guests, maintaining a friendly and attentive demeanor to ensure a positive dining experience.
* Managed multiple tables and orders simultaneously in a fast-paced environment, ensuring timely and accurate food and beverage delivery.
* Collaborated with kitchen and bar staff to ensure smooth communication, accurate order fulfillment, and efficient service during peak hours.
* Demonstrated strong knowledge of the menu, providing recommendations, answering questions, and accommodating dietary restrictions to enhance customer satisfaction.
* Maintained a clean and organized dining area, including setting up and breaking down tables, restocking supplies, and ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations.

**Certifications**

* **Cyber Security Fundamentals** – Kenzie Academy / A division of Southern New Hampshire University. Extensive learning about firewalls, VPN’s, proxy servers, honeypots, bastion hosts, organizational policies, procedures, IA principles, IDS/IPS, and network segmentation.
* **IBM Introduction to Containers, Docker, Kubernetes & OpenShift** *(In* Progress*)*
* **AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials** *(*Planned)

**Skills**

* **Cloud & DevOps Tools:** Docker, Kubernetes, AWS (beginner), CI/CD concepts, Linux  
  **Cybersecurity:** Threat analysis, Firewalls, IDS/IPS, Network segmentation, VPNs  
  **Programming/Scripting:** Python (basic), Bash  
  **Software & Systems:** Microsoft Excel, Windows, Linux, VirtualBox  
  **Other:** Communication, Team collaboration, Problem-solving, Adaptability, Technical documentation, detail oriented, proactive, dependable