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PERSONAL DATA

HIGH SCHOOL: Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

GPA: 4.523 (weighted), 4.0 (unweighted)

SAT (NEW): 1600

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MAR 2016 1st Place in IDT Programming Contest

Worked with a partner in this contest held by Innovative Defense Technologies (IDT). Teams had to provide IDT, the "customer," with a robust package tracking solution. I worked on the mathematical parts, such as calculating the estimated time of arrival. Won \$1500 for school and received tablets for winning 1st place.

FEB. 2016 Best Website at HackTJ 2016

Worked with team of four to develop website that teaches Mandarin definitions and pronunciations. I mostly worked on speech recognition, text-to-speech, and the front-end. Best website out of 120 teams.

Mar. 2015 1st Place in Radford CTF

Organized a team in this computer security competition hosted by Radford University.

MAR 2017 2nd Place in VCU High School Programming Contest

Worked with a team of four in this algorithms contest hosted by the Virginia Commonwealth University.

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2015 - Present Student Systems Administrator

Help set up and maintain school's servers as well as perform other technology-related tasks. Specifically, I help develop and maintain the TJ Intranet, which students and faculty use to take attendance, post news, and sign up for activities.

2015 - Present Project CODEt Executive Team Member

This organization aims to expose elementary and middle school students to computer science early on. As a member of the executive team, I help decide what directions the organization takes to impact the most students. I am currently writing a full Python curriculum for students in Kenya who have no experience with programming.

2016 - 2017 TJ IOI Finance and Technology Lead

On planning committee for TJ IOI, which is a seven-hour programming competition we are holding in May. As Finance Lead, I have acquired over \$2000 in money and prizes. As Technology Lead, I have created a restricted Linux virtual machine on which participants will program during the competition.

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2016 - 2017 AIM Robotics FRC Team, Lead Programmer

Lead programmer of the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) AIM Robotics team. I incorporated as much autonomy into the robot as possible. Won Innovation in Control Award.

2016 - Present Senior Computer Team Co-Captain

Write and give weekly lectures as well as hold contests and select teams to participate in competitions.

Summer 2016 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Beaver Works Summer Institute

Selected by Artificial Intelligence teacher as the male representative of my school to participate in this new program at MIT concerning autonomous vehicles. Four-week free summer program where we worked with faculty and students in teams to learn about and program mini autonomous cars.