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EDUCATION

Nazarbayev University

Astana, Kazakhstan

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Bachelor in Computer Science - Full Scholarship - CGPA: 3.49 - TOP 15

Aug 2023 - June 2027

• Relevant courses: Programming for Scientists and Engineers, Performance and Data Structures, Programming Languages, Computer Systems and Organization, Formal Languages, Algorithms, Database Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Software Engineering

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Technologies:

React, FastAPI, PostgreSQL, C++, C, Python, JavaScript, Java, Prolog, PHP, HTML, CSS, MySQL, SQLite, Django

EXPERIENCE

HRI Lab at Nazarbayev University

Astana, Kazakhstan

Research Assistant - Social Robotics Projects (April Lab)

August 2025 - Present

- Responsible for backend development of the **April Robot Project**, focusing on scalable system design for inclusive robotics
- o Lead branding and outreach efforts for April Lab's projects, ensuring consistent identity and public engagement

NU ACM Student Chapter

Astana, Kazakhstan

April 2025 - Present

- $Vice\ Chair\ -\ ACM ext{-}W\ Student\ Chapter$
 - \circ Coordinate and manage a team of 45+ student volunteers to organize large-scale tech events and competitions
 - Oversaw events with prize pools of 2-3 million KZT, attracting national-level participation
 - o Built collaborations with leading companies including Bloomberg, Google, Beeline, EPAM, Khan Academy
 - Previously served as Public Relations Manager, creating engaging content and managing ACM's social media presence (Feb – Apr 2025)

nFactorial Incubator

Full-Stack Development Trainee (Grant Recipient - top 80 out of 2000+ applicants)

 $June\ 2025-August\ 2025$

- \circ Selected with a fully funded grant among 2000+ students to develop a startup project within the incubator
- Designed and launched LazyJumys.com, the first AI-powered job search platform aggregating vacancies directly from Telegram channels
- Built a complex backend with **FastAPI**, **PostgreSQL**, **Redis**, **Telethon**, and containerized deployment via Docker and Nginx; frontend in React + Vite
- Achieved rapid traction: 3500+ active users in 3 weeks, Top 25 projects out of 80 in the incubator demo day
- o Drew interest from 3 potential investors and received 1 job offer based on the project

Novators LLP – Cozmo Camp

 $Software\ Development\ Intern$

June 2025 - August 2025

- $\circ\,$ Helped design and implement ${\bf Cozmo}$ ${\bf Camp}$ a robotics and coding curriculum for children aged 6–10
- o Delivered lessons integrating Python and robot control using Cozmo SDK; already being used in practice

Projects

Voice Chat with AI

github.com/dananaoo/v2v

 $June \ 2025$

- Built a real-time voice-to-voice chat application enabling conversational interaction with AI
- Used WebSocket for low-latency communication between client and server
- Integrated Gemini AI for dynamic and context-aware speech responses
- Provided seamless audio streaming with speech-to-text and text-to-speech conversion
- o Tech Stack: Python, WebSocket, Gemini AI, Whisper, Text-to-Speech

GenTok – AI-Powered TikTok Content Generator

github.com/dananaoo/GenTok

 $June\ 2025$

• Developed a CRUD-style web application with a list-based UI design for content management

- o Integrated an AI chatbot to generate creative ideas for TikTok videos
- o Implemented task queuing with Celery and caching with Redis
- Built backend with FastAPI and designed modular project structure for scalability
- o Tech Stack: FastAPI, Celery, Redis, PostgreSQL, React

Agent-to-Agent (A2A) Communication Demo

qithub.com/dananaoo/A2A

June 2025

- Implemented a proof-of-concept system for communication between two agents built on different frameworks
- o Agent 1 developed with FastAPI (Python), Agent 2 developed with Express.js (Node.js)
- Designed REST endpoints enabling seamless message exchange between the agents
- Created documentation and project structure for reproducibility and scalability
- o Tech Stack: Python, FastAPI, Node.js, Express.js

Learnmate

github.com/dananaoo/learnmate

August 2024

- Developed a collaborative learning web application using Django and SQLite, featuring user authentication
- o Created a dynamic home page with searchable discussion rooms and real-time messaging
- o Implemented a Room feature for users to create, update, and delete discussion spaces with participant tracking
- Ensured role-based access control for room management and message deletion
- o Tech Stack: Python, Django, SQLite

Recipes for dishes

github.com/dananaoo/FoodWebsite

March 2022

- Developed a website for searching recipes by ingredients
- o Sessions were used to create and use accounts
- o Added a database to store data about meals, users and their favourite recipes
- o Answers are sorted by using Bubble sorting
- o Tech Stack: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL

Honors and Achievements

Presidential Stipend

Kazakhstan

Awarded for outstanding academic performance (one semester)

February - July 2025

CodeW - Competitive Programming Contest

Astana, Kazakhstan

Individual contest for Kazakhstani female students and high schoolers, hosted by Nazarbayev University

March 2025

 $\circ \ \ \text{Won 2nd place} \ \text{in the Intermediate Level category; awarded 70,000 KZT} \ \text{and official merchandise}$

Women's Hack Day

Astana, Kazakhstan

3-round hackathon organized by NU ACM-Women Student Chapter

January 2025

- o Competed in a three-round team challenge including mathematics, programming, and project design
- Ranked in the top 4 out of 30 participating teams

Enactus – Republican Championship of School Entrepreneurship

Astana, Kazakhstan

National-level entrepreneurship competition

May 2022

- o Developed an online platform, "Agromap", to help farmers find optimal conditions for sowing crops
- o Placed top 3 out of 50 teams in the competition