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EDUCATION

Colby College, Waterville, ME Expected Graduation May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science with a concentration in Al GPA: 3.74

Minor in Science, Technology, and Society

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python Java Javascript HTML/CSS

Frameworks and Tools: Git/GitHub React Node.js VS Code Visual Studio

Languages: English Amharic

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Linear Algebra, Object Oriented Programming, Intermediate Web

Development (with CodePath), Hands-on Intro to AI with NLP **Student Organizations**: ColorStack, CodePath, DavisAI Institute

WORK EXPERIENCE

ITS Support Center Student Technician, Colby College, Waterville, ME

Oct 2022 - Feb 2023

- Provided exceptional technical support and customer service to students, faculty, and visitors at Colby College's
 ITS Support Center, addressing both hardware and software related concerns.
- Demonstrated strong problem-solving skills, successfully resolving more than 150 calls and cases, resulting in a **20% increase in user satisfaction.**

Main Instructor, Co-founder; BuildWithPy, Addis Ababa, ET

Mar 2021 - Sep 2021

- Taught engaging weekly online Python lessons for Saint Joseph High School students.
- Collaborated with my colleague and a school instructor to **develop** and **organize curriculum materials.**
- Continuously improve our services and product quality through user feedback from students and school teachers.
- Grew the community from **5 initial users** to over **40 active members** by promoting a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Participant, IDEAS Summer Program, The Ethics Institute, Boston, MA

July 2023 - August 2023

- Engaged in in-depth conversations with industry experts, researchers, and fellow students about the role of Al in
 our current lives; examined the best practices when it comes to ethical Al development and deployment.
- Currently working on a research paper regarding the need for better multilingual LLMs.

PROJECTS

Pathfinding Visualizer | Javascript, React, Java

GitHub | June 2023 - July 2023

- Developed an interactive web-based application in 4 weeks that allows users to visualize various pathfinding algorithms such as Dijkstra's, A* Search, and more navigate through mazes.
- Gained expertise in data structures and algorithms while solving complex pathfinding problems.
- Acquired foundational proficiency in React and JavaScript syntax in a short timeframe through diligent self-teaching driven by project needs.
- Reduced code redundancy by 30% through systematic refactoring of reusable components, enhancing the
 maintainability of the application.

To-Do List | HTML, CSS, Javascript

GitHub | July 2023

- Developed an interactive web-based application that allows users to add, store, and manage different tasks.
- Acquired proficiency in HTML, CSS, Javascript, and frontend development within the 2-week project timeline, showcasing rapid skill development and self-learning capabilities.
- Implemented a local browser storage system that enabled users to access their tasks even after refreshing the browser.
- School Projects: NLP analysis and Hurricane Name Identification from Tweets | Sudoku Solver | Pursuit Evasion on Graphs.