

# DECLAN BLANCHARD

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## EDUCATION

### New Jersey Institute of Technology

Bachelor's, Computer Science

May 2026

3.8 GPA

## EXPERIENCE

### Patreon

Software Engineer Intern

New York, NY

May 2025 - August 2025

- Built a **Python-based ChatOps** platform for **200+ engineers** to automate complex tasks
- Migrated ad-hoc EC2 to **Kubernetes** (EKS), leveraging **Terraform**, **CircleCI**, and **Argo CD**
- Proactively connected with the product support team and partner managers, utilizing the **Zendesk API** and **Slack SDK** to eliminate manual handoffs and reduce support-ticket lookup times between teams

### New Jersey Institute of Technology

Full Stack Developer

Newark, NJ

January 2025 - Present

- Developed a web app to serve **10,000+** students using **React + Next.js (TypeScript)** and **Node.js** API routes backed by **MongoDB**, enabling course planning with advanced features including multi-schedule comparison, automatic optimization, and semester to semester tracking
- Improved UI and cross-browser reliability by managing client state with **Zustand** and standardizing components with **Mantine** and **Tailwind**

### theCoderSchool

Code Tutor

Berkeley Heights, NJ

March 2024 - August 2024

- Taught fundamentals to **15+** students across **Python**, **Java**, **JavaScript**, **C/C++**, **PHP**, and **SQL**
- Introduced version control and shell basics with **Git**, **Linux/Unix**, and **Bash**
- Collaborated with educators to develop a **JavaScript** browser extension that improved student focus

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, C, C++, JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, PHP, SQL

**Full-Stack:** React, Next.js, Vue, Node.js, MongoDB, Zustand, Tailwind, Slack SDK, Zendesk API

**DevOps & Tooling:** AWS, Datadog, Kubernetes, Terraform, ArgoCD, CircleCI, Git, Bash

## PROJECTS

### Mini C-Like Programming Language

- Implemented lexer, parser, and tokenization in **C++** with careful memory management; compiled and tested on **Linux/Unix** using **Bash**.
- Created **50+** comprehensive test cases to ensure 100% reliability across core language functions, showcasing accurate parsing, performance, and scalability for future enhancements

## INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Student Senate Committee for Student Affairs

- Led student advocacy initiatives resulting in improved campus resources for 10,000+ students
- Collaborated directly with university leadership to improve campus life