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Work Experience

IBM Watson Group, Watson Conversation

New York, NY

Associate Product Manager

August 2016 – Present

Currently working on Watson Conversation, a service that allows you to quickly build, test, and deploy a chatbot using AI.

IBM

Armonk, NY

M&A Intern

June 2015 – August 2015

- Developed and implemented system that leverages cognitive analytics to expand number of companies examined from 2,000 to 2,000,000
- Analyzed 2,500 of IBM's investments through venture capital firms to determine trends and ROI
- Created list of 300 comparable companies to use for valuations of potential acquisitions

Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Georgetown, KY

Cost Management Co-Op

January 2015 – May 2015

- Prepared daily productivity reports for department heads to review
- Provided cost support to plastics production department of 375 employees through helping with FY16 budget
- Created labor reports for management to analyze and reduce headcount by 28%

Education

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

August 2012 – May 2016

- Bachelor of Science in Business Economics
- Cumulative GPA: 3.74

Leadership

Sponsors for Educational Opportunity

New York, NY

Intern Class Gift Captain

January 2015 – August 2015

- Participated in online and in person training for organization that places minorities in highly competitive companies
- Researched and selected 5 non-profits that would receive intern class gift estimated at \$75,000

National Association of Black Accountants

Lexington, KY

SCREP Reporter

April 2014 – May 2016

- Developed yearly accounting and membership reports for national approval

University Honors Program

Lexington, KY

Participant

August 2012 – May 2016

- Developed deeper understanding of subject matters
- Gained greater appreciation for diverse cultures through study abroad program in Latin America

Young Life

Lexington, KY

Volunteer Leader

August 2009 – July 2016

- Provided mentorship to underclassmen in organization that mentored me in high school
- Led music through guitar and vocals for group of 100 students

Honors & Skills

Dean's List, William C. Parker Scholar, Commonwealth Scholarship, Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship

Intermediate Spanish, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Windows, Microsoft PowerPoint, Mac OS

Coding: Node.js, Python, Stata, Javascript, HTML, CSS

Hobbies: Playing guitar, banjo, and mandolin, hiking, camping, cooking