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Education

University of South Carolina Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing

Columbia, SC

Bachelor of Science

Graduation—05/2027

Majors: Computer Information Systems, Integrated Information Technology | **Minor:** Business Information Systems | **Major GPA:** 4.0/4.0

Scholarships: Dean Scholar | Palmetto Fellow Scholar | President's and Dean's List | STEM Scholar

Honor Societies: Alpha Alpha Alpha – First Generation Honor Society

Relevant Coursework: Accounting, Management, Cybersecurity, Databases, Networking, Data Structures and Algorithms

Professional Experience

Co-Founder and Backend Developer – CADA (Habit Building Application Startup)

Charlotte, NC

06/2025–Current

- Co-founded and develop a habit-building platform, collaborating with consultants from PwC and Accenture and an investment banker from Allen & Company to align technology strategy with business goals.
- Provide consulting on AI integration and user notification systems to enhance personalization and drive habit formation.
- Lead backend development and user interface strategy, ensuring scalable architecture and intuitive design for user engagement.

Founder and Developer – Vault Audit (Blockchain Audit and File Management System)

Charlotte, NC

05/2025–Current

- Engineered a new blockchain system to verify file integrity through the blockchain for immutable audit trails.
- Collaborated with a PwC consultant to build a platform to provide a bridge between digital assets and auditing, leading to the project being submitted for research publication.
- Designed the platform to support enterprise-grade scalability and compliance for global audit operations by Fortune 500 companies.

Lead Biomedical Software Architect & Technical Consultant – University of South Carolina

Columbia, SC

04/2025–Current

- Provide technological consulting and leadership, bridging biomedical research with advanced software systems for defense and government applications.
- Led a cross-functional team of two software engineers and three biomedical researchers to design a full-stack biomedical platform, leading to the prototype being selected for full-scale production and full federal funding.
- Develop AI-driven analytics and real-time monitoring tools, enabling faster insights and improving research efficiency.

AI Research Lead – US Navy Autonomous Perception Systems – University of South Carolina

Columbia, SC

12/2024–Current

- Lead a team of four software engineers within a larger multidisciplinary group of different engineering disciplines to develop reliable perception technologies that meet Naval standards for a \$5M federally funded defense project.
- Develop artificial intelligence solutions to enhance camera systems for better performance in diverse weather and lighting environments.
- Oversee deliverables and present progress during performance reviews, ensuring alignment with project milestones and expectations.

Full Stack Software Engineer & Technical Strategy Consultant – UpAhead

Columbia, SC

12/2024–4/2025

- Led a development team of four software engineers and three marketing interns, scaling the UpAhead platform from its founding with zero active users to over 5,000 active users by managing project timelines and maintaining core systems.
- Integrated cloud infrastructure, payment processing, authentication systems, and analytics tools to improve platform reliability.
- Provided technological consulting directly to the startup's CEO to improve system architecture and workflow efficiency.

Student Technology Consultant – Psylotech

Columbia, SC

10/2024–12/2024

- Collaborated with the Graduate Gamecock Consulting club to provide technological consulting to Psylotech.
- Conducted a review of Psylotech's website and product interface, identifying areas for enhancement aligned with industry best practices.
- Delivered actionable recommendations directly to Psylotech's Technology Director, leveraging technical expertise and market insights to support strategic decision-making, leading to new system implementations.

Leadership Experience

Gamecock Consulting Club – Director of Competitive Events, Vice President of External

Columbia, SC

09/2024–Current

- Lead a team of three directors to expand firm partnerships, strengthening the club's external network.
- Achieved 1st place in the club's onboarding case competition and competing in the McKinsey & EY Darla Moore International Summit.
- Coordinated with the Darla Moore School of Business to plan two national-level consulting events, bridging firms and universities across the country, creating opportunities for University of South Carolina students and prospective consultants nationwide.

Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity – Onboarding Mentor, Technology Chair

Columbia, SC

01/2024–Current

- Led a team of 11 members to reprogram a new fraternity website to improve usability and engagement.
- Provide mentorship, advice, and work as the liaison between the fraternity and new members during onboarding.
- Actively participate in service events to benefit the local community, completing 157 community service hours.

Skills and Interests

Skills: Advanced: Python, Java, JavaScript, React, HTML/CSS, GitHub, AWS, Google Cloud, Azure | Intermediate: C++, Swift, Xcode, Excel, Data Analysis, Project Management, Market Research, Financial Modeling, Strategic Planning.

Interests: Pickleball, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte Hornets, Vinyl Collection, Lacrosse, Chess Club, Concerts, Graphic Design, Content Creation, Biomedical Studies, Gamecock Flag Association