Duy Ha

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EDUCATION Rice University B.A. Computer Science Graduation Date: May 2024 (Expected) GPA: 3.58 **Northeast Lakeview College** Associate of Liberal Arts Advanced Track: College Pre-Calculus to Calculus II GPA: 4.0 Graduation Date: May 2020 **Judson Early College Academy** Texas Distinguished Achievement Program Valedictorian GPA: 4.0 Graduation Date: May 2020 **WORK EXPERIENCE** Rice Networks Group, Summer Research Intern May-Aug. 2021 +Assisted in assembling and optimizing the Autonomous, Sensing, Tetherless Networked Drones (ASTRO) platform +Utilized RENEWLab open-source mMIMO toolbox to perform beamforming experimentation on ASTRO drones Mathnasium of Converse, Part-time Employment May 2019-Aug. 2020 +Instructed over 100 students with mathematical comprehension and application +Improved students' performance in their math classes by 20%; standardized test scores by 30% Tech Skills on Wheels, IT Summer Internship Jun-Aug. 2019 +Delivered technological aid and STEM education to households with less than \$25,000 income +Mentored students participating in NASA's Apollo Next Giant Leap Student (ANGLeS) robotics challenge TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE/PROJECTS Rice Efficient and Intelligent Computing (EIC) Lab, Summer Research Project May-Aug. 2021 +Used PyTorch to familiarize source code of novel pruning technique for Efficient Machine Learning Toolbox (EMLT) +Implemented and fine-tuned neuron pruning with polarization regularizer for EMLT Team IV League; Portable IV Stand, Engineering Project Aug-Dec. 2020 +Tasked with constructing a portable IV stand for Hospital de Amor, Brazil's most advanced oncological hospital +Team lead for the design block for a spring-expansion mechanism for the stand's shaft Rice Emerging Scholars Program, 6 weeks STEM Enrichment Program Jun-Aug. 2020 +Coding Project: Created a complex simulation of a zombie apocalypse in Python using graphs **Google CSSI,** STEM Enrichment Program Jun-Aug. 2020 +Completed the Coursera's Algorithmic Toolbox course from UC San Diego within 2 weeks MIT's LLCipher, Cybersecurity Workshop Aug 2019 +30 nationwide students were to attend competitive cybersecurity workshop taught by MIT professors INVOLVEMENT **Rice Eclipse Rocketry Club** 2020-Present +Research and develop hybrid rocket engines and compete in Spaceport America Cup **Rice Computer Science Club** 2020-Present +Networking community organization with mentors and fellow CS peers **Rice Vietnamese Student Association** 2020-Present +Representing Vietnamese culture and awareness at Rice campus **FIRST Tech Challenge** 2016-2020 +2017-2020 Assistant Lead Programmer +Implemented coding algorithm that led our team to place Top 5 in the Central-Coastal Texas Regionals +Team received several awards every year including 2 Inspire Awards (highest distinction achievable in FIRST) **AWARDS** The Gates Scholarship 2020 +Full-ride scholarship awarded to 300 nationwide applicants; 50% of recipients attend Top 10 universities **APIA Scholar Finalist** 2020 +Finalist applicant for \$40,000 scholarship awarded to underserved Asian and Pacific Islander Americans San Antonio MLK Scholar 2020 +Issued by the San Antonio MLK Jr. Commission; recognized strong commitment to leadership and equality

+Admitted to Rice University with full-ride scholarship as a low-income student

FIRST Tech Challenge Awards

QuestBridge National College Match

+Inspire Award (2018, 2019) Team is an inspiration to other teams and demonstrates gracious professionalism

2019

- +Think Award (2016, 2019, 2020) Best robotics documentation and quality of high-efficiency mechanism
- +Design Award (2016, 2018) Cohesive and effective design