# Duy Ha

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## **EDUCATION**

Rice University

Computer Science and Electrical Engineer Double Major

Graduation Date: May 2024 (Expected)

**Northeast Lakeview College** Graduation Date: May 2020

Associate of Liberal Arts

GPA: 4.0

**Judson Early College Academy** 

Advanced Track: College Pre-Calculus to Calculus II

Valedictorian

GPA: 4.0

Graduation Date: May 2020

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## 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

- +Developed over 10 STEM-related lesson plans to teach to over 20 kids from impoverished areas
- +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/EDUCATION**

#### 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
- +Design features the spatial efficiency of a 55 x 7.5 x 12.5 cm briefcase while meeting client's constraints
- +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

#### Trinity University's SoHacks, Hackathon

Aug 2019

+Designed a secured software with user interface in Python to encrypt and decrypt computer files via password

# **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

# Vietnamese Student Association (Rice) 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)

### Class Officer Vice President, 2018-2019

+ Promoted large-scale school events and raised attendances by 40%

#### Texas A&M SPARK! Engineering Challenge 2016-2018

- +2017-2018 Team Lead
- +Collaborated with three other members to construct a hydraulic press (2017) and a Stirling engine (2018)

# **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

#### QuestBridge National College Match 2019

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

# **TexPREP Prefreshman Engineering Program Honors** 2014-2017

+Honors recognition for extensive engineering summer program; received St. Mary's University scholarship \$30,000 FIRST Tech Challenge Awards

- +Inspire Award (2018, 2019) Team is an inspiration to other teams and demonstrates gracious professionalism
- +Think Award (2016, 2019, 2020) Best robotics documentation and quality of high-efficiency mechanism
- +Design Award (2016, 2018) Cohesive and effective design