

# Easton Steffen

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## Education

**University of Northern Iowa** — Cedar Falls, IA

Expected Graduation: May, 2026

*Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Computer Science and Interactive Digital Studies*

- GPA: 3.65 overall, 3.4 in Computer Science, 3.8 in Interactive Digital Studies
  - Dean's List, UNI 3 Semesters
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## Transferable Skills from Interactive Digital Studies

- **Design Fundamentals:** Proficient in graphic design and color theory, which support creating visually appealing and functional interfaces
  - **Attention to Detail:** Developed precision in video editing, directly transferable to writing clean, efficient code and refining user interfaces
  - **User-Centric Design:** Gained insight into user behavior through digital media projects, providing a foundation for designing intuitive web experiences
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## Experience

**Wind Cave Research – Merit Award Winner**

July 2024

University of Northern Iowa | *Videographer*

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team on a NASA and Iowa Space Grant Consortium-funded project documenting geological research in Wind Cave, SD
- Shot and edited the award-winning documentary *Hunting for Zebras*, showcasing biodiversity in extreme environments
- Awarded the National Speleological Society's Video Salon Merit Award for excellence in storytelling and videography

**UNI Panther Marching Band**

August 2022 - Present

University of Northern Iowa | *Section Leader*

- Lead a section of musicians, developing strong leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- Organize and coordinated practice schedules for a team of musicians, enhancing their ability to manage group dynamics and logistics

**FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics & FIRST Robotics Competition**

August 2017 - Present

Cedar Falls, IA | Participant & Volunteer

- Participated as a multi-year team member on the Cedar Falls 525 Swartdogs, contributing to the team's qualification for the FIRST World Championships
  - Developed hands-on experience in CAD design, problem-solving, and teamwork during competitions
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## Honors & Awards

- National Speleological Society Video Salon Merit Award. Video title: *Hunting for Zebras*
  - Letter Winner, Cedar Falls High School 525 Swartdogs Robotics Team
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## Extracurricular Involvement

**UNI Panther Marching Band**

Section Leader, August 2022 - Present

**UNI Club Women in Computing**

Member, August 2022 - Present