Elaine Cui

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Education

Northwestern University

June 2026 Evanston, IL

B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics

• **GPA:** 3.95/4.00 | ACT: 35 | Dean's List

• Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Systems, Machine Learning, Discrete Math, Multivariable, Linear Algebra

Professional Experiences

Minnesota Government IT Services | Health Department

June 2024 - Present

Minneapolis, MN

Software Engineer Intern

- Redesigned immunization SMS system with **AWS Pinpoint**, **Python**, and **JSON** for 1,000+ campaigns and 500,000+ Minnesotans to keep citizens up to date with reoccurring health care information and updates, migrating from manual system.
- Proxied job board using Vue.js by converting XML to JSON to generate filtering queries and pages on Drupal.

The Garage Northwestern

September 2023 – Present

Full Stack Software Engineer

Evanston, IL

- Structured dynamic hub/website leveraging **React**, **Typescript**, and **AWS** for centralizing entrepreneurship workshops, alumni databases, and idea creation for **1,500**+ startups, **1,000**+ students, and alumni at Northwestern and San Francisco.
- Conducted field study research on needs of participants through **30+** hours of surveys and primary research, consolidating into initial minimum viable product with focus on simplifying and engaging students with the startup program.

Caraburo IT Consulting

May 2023 - September 2023

Minneapolis, MN

Software Engineer Intern

- Facilitated creation of a full stack web application using **React** and **Python** to search for affordable daycare centers in **20**+ states by developing **API** requests to retrieve data from backend **mySQL** databases, utilizing **Google Maps** and **Places API**.
- · Advocated and collaborated with client for 100+ parents to allow communication between parents and daycare centers.

Project Experiences

Scholarly | Northwestern WildHacks Winner - Best Use of AI in Education

April 2024 - May 2024

Python, MongoDB, FastAPI, Claude-3, React, TypeScript, Tailwind

Evanston, IL

• Founded AI educational platform with team to promote accessibility, simplifying 10,000,000+ research and academic materials into 6 literacy levels and formats to then be saved and shared digitally in platform classrooms for educators or students.

OurConnection Prototype — DSGN 208 Design, Thinking, and Doing

April 2024 – May 2024

Python, React, MongoDB, TypeScript, Tailwind

Evanston, IL

• Spearheaded platform for incarcerated women to post their stories and increase awareness through a pen pal program, interviewing 5+ current and past incarcerated women and prototyping with Women Initiating New Directions through the design process.

The Garage Launchpad

September 2023 – Present

Python, React, TypeScript, Tailwind, AWS, Next.js

Evanston, IL

• Developed full stack web application using **React**, **Python**, and **AWS Lambda**, API Gateway, and RDS to create a dynamic directory of **1,500**+ alumni and current startup students, allowing keyword filtering through **SQL** queries.

Evanston Bus Tracker

February 2024 - March 2024

C, C++

Evanston, IL

Retrieved bus information to perform navigation of Open Street Map through API implementation and graphical displays;
Provided 200+ buildings and bus times for 20+ stops on campus to increase ease of navigation for students.

Python Subset Execution Environment

 ${\rm January}~2024-{\rm February}~2024$

Evanston, IL

• Implemented scanner, execute, and memory components of Python using C by identifying tokens, traversing through operational graph structures, and directing memory allocation, decreasing initial complexity by 25%.

YouTube to MP3 Converter

July 2023 – August 2023

Puthon, JavaScript, CSS, HTML

Minneapolis, MN

• Designed website utilizing **Python**, **HTML** and **CSS** that converts YouTube videos into **MP3** files, providing downloaded MP3 files with error handling and using **YouTube Data API**; Adopted by school media club for video editing by **50**+ students.

Skills & Interests

Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, C, TypeScript/JavaScript, HTML/CSS, x86-64 Assembly Technologies: React, Next.js, AWS, MongoDB, SQL/NoSQL Databases, Vue.js, FastAPI, Tailwind, NumPy, Linux Interests: Graphics, Machine Learning, Marvel, Kimchi Ramen, Taylor Swift, Realism Drawing, Marques Brownlee, Video-Creation