Ava "Ellie" Burton

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, The University of Alabama | Tuscaloosa, AL

May 2026

GPA: 3.999/4.0

Minors: Mathematics, Randall Research Scholars Program

Central Magnet School | Murfreesboro, TN

May 2022

Graduated: Valedictorian, with Honors and Distinction, with AP Capstone Diploma

National Merit Scholar, 36 ACT

SKILLS

Programming and Development:

Python, C, C++, C#, R, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Java, SQL

Software Development Tools and Version Control:

Eclipse, GitHub, Bitbucket, UML, Vim

Data Analysis and Visualization:

Natural Language Processing, Recommender Systems, Matplotlib, Predictive Modeling, Web Scraping

RESEARCH

The University of Alabama Institute of Data Analytics

August 2023 - Present

 Working on the Sex Trafficking Analytics for Network Detection and Disruption initiative; developing computational methods to optimize accuracy of detection; ID and contact of > 50 potential sex trafficking victims

AP Capstone/ Central Magnet Thesis Focus

July 2021 - May 2022

 Researched the effect of Elementary school math contests on mathematical self-efficacy by implementing an Elementary math contest program in Rutherford County

Middle Tennessee State University

June 2021 - August 2021

 Research in the field of Topological Graph Theory under Dr. Chris Stephens, head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at MTSU; focuses on the Cycle Double Cover Conjecture

LEADERSHIP

UA Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) - Women | President UA Joy Project | Media Chair

August 2023 - Present

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SERVICE WORK

The University of Alabama Honors Action

August 2022

• Painted murals in Tuscaloosa County schools and assisted with other projects to revitalize campuses

Summer ImpACT Program

June 2021 - August 2021

Rutherford County Summer School | ACT Coach

• Tutored 16 students on the English, Reading, and Science sections of the ACT; enabled students to achieve up to 17-point increases

Review for Relief July 2020 - March 2021

Student-led Non-profit | Social Media Manager and Content Creator

- Directed a team of content creators; reached over 800k views on social media
- Produced resources including ACT and AP exam materials; helped raise over \$5.6k for COVID-19 relief

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mathnasium of Murfreesboro | Instructor

July 2021 -Present

- Tutor students ages 6-18 in all levels of mathematics using Socratic methods; maintain an encouraging, clean, and focused learning environment; manage grading worksheets and keep papers organized.
- Transitioned to provide remote, online math tutoring in August 2022