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Academic Background

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI

May 2026 (Expected)

- Currently a 3rd year majoring in Computer Science and working towards certificate in Game Design.
- Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program (MJLSP) – Junior cohort & Named Scholar
 - MJLSP Hackathon – designed and coded frontend organization app (Spring 2024)
 - Frontend development in React JS, UI Design in Figma
 - Working with MJLSP advisor and students to develop Spring 2025 Hackathon
 - Big Sibling (2024 – current): assisting new student(s) with adapting to UW-Madison Campus

Work Experience

Communications + Social Media Intern | UW-Madison Madison, WI

October 2023 – Present

- Communications and Social Media Intern for the Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program
- Wrote Google Form dedicated to obtaining student and advisor design requests (and misc. tasks)
- Designed flyers and social media posts for Freshman and Sophomore cohorts
 - Innovated new methods to display information electronically, such as using GIFs
 - Drew assets for merchandise such as tote bags, sweaters, stickers, etc
- Spoke to students and parents at nearby events about the reality of attending UW-Madison

Software Engineer Intern | Northwestern Mutual Milwaukee, WI

May 2022 – Aug 2023

- hi-Tech Minicamp (Summer 2022): introduction to web development with HTML, CSS, JS, React JS
- Part-time during the school year (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023):
 - Fulfilled web page updates via ServiceNow requests for field office employees
 - Outlined email templates for business partners through Staffbase platform
- College Internship (Summer 2023):
 - Wrote program in C# to search for and replace files in test, stage, prod environments
 - Accelerated bookmark project progress: a bookmarking feature utilized by field-office employees
 - Practiced scrum skills: held 50+ meetings, including demonstrations for stakeholders and departments

Actuarial Intern | Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (online)

December 2021 – May 2022

- Developed understanding of calculus by learning the basics of MS Excel (soft introduction to VBA and R)
- Worked in a small team to answer calculus questions in MS Excel and RStudio, questions were based on real-life scenarios the company faced

Skills & Affiliations

- Design work (Figma, Canva)
- Dell Scholar and APIA Scholar
- Volunteering: farmers market with cousins

Spring 2022 – Present
Summer 2018 – Summer 2023