## Eldad Workeneh Tolla

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Randolph College

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Double Major: Computer Science and Mathematics

Minor: Data Science and Engineering

Classification: Sophomore

Scholarships: Wildcat Merit Scholarship

## **Summary**

Dedicated Computer Science and Mathematics student with a strong academic record and hands-on experience in tutoring, technical support, and leadership. Passionate about machine learning and AI, with a proven ability to develop and execute projects, enhance learning environments, and engage in community outreach. Seeking opportunities to leverage my skills and knowledge in a challenging and dynamic setting.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### Mathematics and Economics Tutor, Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Tutor students in economics, calculus, and computer programming (including algorithms), ensuring they understand complex concepts.
- Help students improve academic performance by offering tailored support in mathematical theory and coding practices.

#### Library Assistant, Lipscomb Library, Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Assist library patrons with locating resources, managing circulation, and supporting academic research.
- Contribute to organizing and maintaining library collections and resources.

## IT Help Desk, Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Provide technical support to students, staff, and faculty, resolving hardware and software issues across campus.
- Assist with troubleshooting and maintaining school technology systems.

## LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Presidential Ambassador** 

Randolph College

2024 - Present

• Represent the college at official events, assisting with admissions, alumni relations, and community outreach efforts.

• Provide campus tours, engage with prospective students, and promote the college's values and programs to diverse audiences.

## Science Festival (SciFest) Intern, Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Assisted with various aspects of the Science Festival, including organizing and supporting the LEGO competition.
- Participated in science outreach to diverse age groups, planning and leading community outreach activities to engage people in hands-on learning experiences.
- Helped foster an interactive and educational environment for festival attendees.

## Member, Society of Physics Students (SPS), Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Collaborate with fellow members to plan and execute physics-related events and outreach activities.
- Engage in event planning and educational initiatives aimed at increasing student participation and interest in physics.

#### First-Year Judiciary Chair Student Representative, Randolph College

2023 - Present

- Chaired judiciary committee meetings, overseeing the adjudication of student conduct cases and policy violations.
- Interpreted and applied college bylaws to ensure fair and consistent case outcomes.

#### HONORS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- NSF SUPER Scholar Award Supported by The National Science Foundation, Randolph College (Aug 2023)
- Dean's List, Randolph College (Fall 2023 & Spring 2023)
- Most Outstanding First Year Student in Computer Science and Mathematics, Randolph College (2024)
- Academic MVP Award, Randolph College (SUPER)

#### **Up Key Intern**

2021 - 2022

- Developed a digital marketing strategy as part of a capstone project, resulting in a 30% increase in online engagement.
- Managed day-to-day operations, including coordinating teams and overseeing project timelines, contributing significantly to the organization's successful execution of key initiatives.

#### SOS Volunteer, Children's Village

2021 - 2022

- Directed a STEM tutoring program for middle school students, where I developed and delivered interactive lessons in computer programming (using Scratch to build fun games), math, and other STEM subjects.
- Organized fundraising events such as charity auctions and community drives, raising over \$600 to support educational resources for underprivileged children. Recognized as a gold member for outstanding contributions to both educational and fundraising efforts.

## **Projects**

#### **Ongoing Projects:**

- **Matrix Operations Library:** Creating a Python library for efficient matrix operations, utilizing linear algebra concepts to support various mathematical and engineering applications.
- Personalized Study Plan Generator: Developing an app that creates customized study plans based on students' learning styles and performance. Uses algorithms for personalized recommendations and AI for optimizing learning paths.

## Research Assistant, SUPERMinDS Program Randolph College, 2024-2025

- Worked on data mining and analytics using USDA crop data.
- Developed and implemented data visualization techniques on a website.
- Participated in regular team meetings for training and project updates.

# Research Assistant, Voice AI Robot Project Randolph College,

- Developing a voice-activated AI robot to enhance human-computer interaction using natural language processing (NLP) techniques.
- Implementing speech recognition algorithms to improve accuracy in real-time communication.
- Assisting in coding and integrating AI-driven responses, enabling the robot to understand and respond to complex voice commands.
- Collaborating on testing and optimizing the robot's performance in various environments for smooth interaction.

#### Competitor, Hill City Robot Combat

Randolph College, November 2023

- Built and programmed a 1-pound combat robot to compete in the Hill City Robot Battle event.
- Engaged in design, testing, and iterative development to enhance the robot's performance for competition.
- Competed against other student-built robots, applying skills in robotics, mechanical design, and problem-solving.
- Gained experience in real-world robotics applications through the competition, which involved combat strategy and technical troubleshooting.

#### **Past Projects:**

- **Digital Marketing Strategy for Up Key:** Developed a marketing strategy that resulted in a 30% increase in online engagement.
- **STEM Education Program:** Created and delivered interactive lessons in computer programming (using Scratch) and other STEM subjects for middle school students.

### **Skills**

**Computer Skills:** Microsoft Applications (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook); Python, Java, C; Jupyter Notebook, VS Code, Colab, GitHub, LeetCode; Machine Learning, Data Analysis

**Professional Skills:** Leadership and Team Management, Communication and Diplomacy, Event Planning and Coordination, Research and Analytical Skills, Fundraising and Community Engagement

Languages: English, Amharic, Spanish