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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

I am currently a first year Doctor of Pharmacy student at the Wayne State Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Previously, I attended Waterford Mott High School and graduated in 2013. I graduated as the valedictorian with a weighted GPA of 4.17. After graduation, I attended Wayne State University for undergraduate education. I came into Wayne State with 24 credits earned from AP examinations in high school. I received a five, the highest score possible, on both Biology and Chemistry exams.

Coming into college, I applied and was accepted into the HealthPro Start program in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This program grants admission into the professional program of choice, mine being Pharmacy, with the stipulation that students maintain a 3.5 GPA and submit an application to the chosen program. HealthPro requires students to attend biweekly seminars on different healthcare fields in order to educate students on the field. I finished all three years of Pharmacy prerequisites with a cumulative GPA of 3.93, while maintaining good standing in both the Honors and HealthPro programs, and with no grade below an A-.

During my undergraduate studies I volunteered in a translational medicine laboratory for cancer immunotherapy research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Last year I primarily helped process patient blood samples and data for various studies. I maintained all of the tumor and T-cell cultures in the lab. Lastly, I conducted a few pilot studies of in-vitro adoptive T-cell therapy for targeting glioblastoma and neuroblastoma—the experiment did not prove to be fruitful, but it was very educational.

Stemming from my research at Karmanos, I applied for, and was awarded a 2016 Fall/Spring/Summer Undergraduate Research award for my project *Improving Immunohistochemistry Scoring Techniques for Cancer Biopsies with Computer Vision Algorithms*. In this project, I independently developed a system of computer vision algorithms that can segment IHC-stained features in microscope images and quantify staining in a continuous (rather than ordinal) data format. The proposed procedure hopes to eliminate human bias, improve the speed of analysis, and obtain more quantitative (rather than qualitative) data for research and patient care.

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In other previous research, I presented my project *Art & Architecture at the Detroit Public Library: The Bronze Doors* at the 2015 Fall Undergraduate Research Conference. In this project, I studied the bronze entrance doors to the DPL and sought to uncover lost information on the design, manufacturing, and artists who had created the doors. This research is being used by the DPL's Friends foundation to improve their public tours of the library and to renew public interest in the library and its resources.

In addition, last year I held the position of the President of the Wayne State chapter of the American Society for Microbiology, I have spent my three years in undergraduate studies as a part of this organization. ASM engages students in the science and research of microbiology and related fields through research presentations, journal club meetings, ASM-MI research conferences, and visits to sites like the Belle Isle Aquarium. It has been my personal goal to promote scientific literacy through this organization.

This previous summer I entered the HackWSU Hackathon, our team of two won second place in the advanced coders category for our project *EmotionEngine*. Our project used Python, OpenCV, and Scikit-Learn to create a webcam application that can detect faces and estimate the user's emotion based on a trained linear support vector machine. For training we modified a webcrawler to search Google and Bing for images of different emotion categories. This data was scaled down to 32x32 and fed through the SVM classifier. The face detection also grabbed faces from the webcam feed, scaled the images to the same dimensions and ran them through the trained classifier. The end product worked decently, but proved to be more of a novelty than anything.

I have recently joined a laboratory in the Pharmaceutical Sciences department in order to research diabetes proteomics. I have a diverse set of responsibilities that range from meeting study participants in the clinic and collecting data, to benchtop laboratory techniques, and even writing software for research and data analysis purposes. I really enjoy an environment of free thought, where I am not prevented from pursuing novel and cross-discipline ideas, where claims and actions must be backed by evidence, where reward is based on results instead of status, and where the only boundary to finding answers is your own creativity and persistence.

EDUCATION	Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate <i>Wayne State University — Detroit, MI</i> Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Class of 2020
	Pharmacy Prerequisites <i>Wayne State University — Detroit, MI</i> College of Liberal Arts and Sciences & Irvin D. Reid Honors College	2013–2016
	High School Diploma <i>Waterford Mott High School — Waterford, MI</i>	2009–2013
LICENSURE & CERTIFICA- TIONS	Pharmacist Educational Limited License <i>MI Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs</i> ID# 5302044984	2016-2017
	Basic Life Support Provider (CPR) <i>American Heart Association</i> ECard# 165505483579	2016-2017
PAPERS	Improving Immunohistochemistry Scoring Techniques for Cancer Biopsies with Computer Vision Algorithms <i>Sole Author & Developer</i> <i>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program</i>	August 2016
TALKS	Improving Immunohistochemistry Scoring Techniques for Cancer Biopsies with Computer Vision Algorithms <i>WSU Undergraduate Research Conference 2016</i>	Nov 11, 2016
	Art & Architecture at the Detroit Public Library: The Bronze Doors <i>WSU Undergraduate Research Conference 2015</i>	Nov 15, 2015
LEADERSHIP	American Society for Microbiology, Wayne State Student Chapter <i>President</i> The organization introduces students to research in microbiology and related fields. I was elected President for the 2015/2016 year.	2013–2016

ORGANIZATIONS	American College of Clinical Pharmacy Student College of Clinical Pharmacy Wayne State Student Chapter <i>Member</i>	2016–Present
	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists Wayne State Student Chapter <i>Member</i>	2016–Present
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Yi Diabetes Proteomics Lab WSU Integrative Biosciences Center & Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Faculty Mentors — Dr. Zhengping Yi & Dr. Xiangming Zhang <i>Student Researcher</i> Performs cell culture, molecular cloning and recombinant DNA techniques, works with proteomics & other bioinformatics data, develops software for automation of data analysis, carries out participant visits, specimen collection, and data collection in the clinic.	2016–Present
	Karmanos Cancer Institute Faculty Mentors — Dr. Lawrence Lum & Dr. Archana Thakur <i>Volunteer Research Assistant</i> Assisted cancer immunotherapy research and clinical trials. Maintained cell cultures, processed patient specimens, performed biochemical assays, and general laboratory upkeep. 400+ hours logged total.	2014–2016
OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE	Elementary School Tutor <i>Math and Literacy Tutor</i> Helped first and second grade students learn math, reading, and writing for a few hours each week.	2011–2013
	National Honors Society <i>Waterford Mott High School</i> Volunteered over 120 hours total with local organizations including homeless shelters, food drives, Special Olympics, and the Waterford Youth Assistance.	2011–2013

WORK	Greenskeeper	2014–2016
	<i>Sylvan Glen Golf Course — Troy, MI</i> Sylvan Glen is an Audubon certified public golf course. At Sylvan Glen we strove to conserve wildlife habitat on the course, conserve water, minimize environmental harm, and keep the nearly 100-year-old course beautiful.	
	Cashier	2013
	<i>Kmart — Waterford, MI</i> Every young adult needs a first job.	
UNIQUE INTERESTS	Computer Programming	
	Computers have been a interest of mine since high school, I started learning programming about four years ago. It is really sad to me that most people today have no idea what goes on inside their “black boxes” of technology. From a young age, I’ve always been one to take things apart (sometimes putting them back together) and that enthusiasm hasn’t faded. Computers are used for everything imaginable today, I really only see them becoming more important and central to healthcare. For me, they provide a useful tool to create new ideas and solve problems that would be impossible with human intellect alone. In this regard, I am self-driven and self-taught. I love picking up new skills and I actively program in the areas of computer vision, machine learning, and data. My GitHub can be found at at https://github.com/griffincalme and associated blog at https://griffincalme.github.io .	
	Reading	
	Most would consider it a hobby, for me it’s a passion. I really only like to read books about science, technology, philosophy, and mathematics. I’ve learned so much from books, it really changes your worldview when you understand how everything works and how it all came to be. I’ve read 125 books in these genres over the past four years, my goodreads page can be found here https://www.goodreads.com/user/show/59024006-griffin-calme	
HONORS & AWARDS	<i>University</i>	
	Dean’s List — WSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	2013-2016
	WSU UROP Research Grant	2016
	HackWSU Hackathon second place team	2016
	HealthPro Start	2013–2016
	Honors College Scholarship Recipient	2013–2017
	<i>High School</i>	
	Waterford Institute for Public Service Recognition	2013
	Waterford Mott Valedictorian	2013
	Channel 7 Brightest and Best	2013
	Waterford Mott Chemistry Student of the Year	2013
	MHSAA Scholar Athlete	2012
	Waterford Mott Biology Student of the Year	2011