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# Harini Kannan

#### **EDUCATION**

Cornell University – Ithaca, NY | Class of 2018 (Graduating Dec 2017)

Major: Information Science, Minors: South Asian Studies, Business Cumulative GPA: 3.6

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Business Analyst (Product Designer) | Blackstone - New York, NY

May 2017 - Aug 2017

- . Identified focus areas within Blackstone's client facing product through understanding business and internal needs
- . Held extensive user interviews to understand user needs and built personas to analyze user goals and use cases
- . Designed low and high fidelity mockups in Photoshop and Illustrator and utilized InVision to create working prototypes
- . Iterated extensively on designs based on user testing and internal design reviews with managing directors
- . Worked with the development team and created tasks in Jira to roll out feature into production

#### **UX and Interaction Designer** | Cornell University

Feb 2017 – May 2017

- Worked on a cross-organizational project to create an app for the smart energy meter system in Ithaca
- Utilized affinity diagrams and personas to analyze user interviews and assess user needs
- Sketched low and high fidelity mock-ups and wireframes
- Created prototypes and constructing usability tests to test designs

#### **UX Researcher** | Cornell University

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

- · Worked on the Product Design of mobile application for tracking energy usage as part of a collaborative team
- Created and conducted user interviews, analyzing the results by creating affinity diagrams to categorize themes
- Conducted photo documentary of living spaces and analyzed photos for energy usage trends, correlated these findings with user interviews
- Created paper prototypes of redesigns based on interviews and photo analysis

## Student Intern | Verizon Wireless - Temple Terrace, FL

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016

- Built a fully functional cross-platform mobile app as part of a small team functioning as the UX Designer and Product Manager
- Lead team to develop use-cases and personas based on user and business needs
- Utilized Sketch, Photoshop and InVision to create wireframes, mock-ups and prototypes

# **LEADERSHIP**

President | Women in Computing at Cornell – Cornell University - Ithaca, NY

- Organized and led an active executive board of 25 women to create and sustain an organization of over 800 members
- Created high level ideas of what the organization should accomplish and relay those ideas to respective board members
- Coordinated communication across all the board members through routine board meetings and individual meetings
- Created and organized corporate events such as wide-scale tech talks with average attendances of over 200 students

Vice President | Information Science Student Association - Ithaca, NY

- Revitalized the organization through more rigorous outreach for corporate events
- Created more community events to bring together the IS student body

### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

Managing Editor | Death in the Afternoon - Cornell University

• Contributor, editor and manager of editing staff for DITA, a poetry and prose publication on campus

Staff Writer | RICE Magazine - Cornell University

• Contributes articles to RICE Magazine, an Asian cultural magazine on campus, focusing on political and cultural topics regarding South Asia **Contributor** | Cornell Daily Sun-Cornell University

Contributed articles on Film, Television and Music for the Arts & Entertainment section of Cornell's daily newspaper

# **AWARDS**

Alice H. & Constance E. Cook Award: Honors individuals for their commitment to women's issues and contributions for changing the climate for women International Women's Day Award: Honors the social, cultural, economic and political achievement of female leaders in Cornell

#### **SKILLS**

Design Tools: Photoshop, Illustrator, Sketch, InVision, Balsamiq | Programming: HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, D3.js, PHP, SQL, Python, Java, C, C# Relevant Courses: Human-Computer Interaction, Marketing, Designing Technology for Social Impact, Data-Driven Web Applications