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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Aug. 2024 – December 2027

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Champaign, Illinois

- Pending transfer to Mathematics & Computer Science major (December 2025)
- **3.96 GPA**; Elsie Thomas Fraser Award Winner; Dean's List; Habitat for Humanity

Relevant Coursework

- Data Structures & Algorithms, Introduction to Programming (Kotlin), Introduction to C++ Programming, Discrete Mathematics

Experience

AthXcel

May 2025 – Present

Product Manager

Remote / Round Lake, IL

- Own product roadmap and prioritization, aligning engineering, design, and leadership teams with business goals.
- Directed cross-team execution via **Jira** and Slack, driving delivery of features across mobile and web platforms.
- Conducted feature validation and user testing to ensure athlete and coach satisfaction.

Software Engineer Intern

May 2025 – Aug. 2025

- Optimized **OpenAI**-powered prompt design, reducing token usage by **25%+** and cutting API costs.
- Performed feature testing and database validation to ensure consistent data integrity.

Siebel School of Computing and Data Science

Jan. 2025 – Present

CS 124 Tutor (Java / Kotlin)

Champaign, IL

- Tutor freshmen in UIUC's CS 124 programming course, assisting with debugging, design concepts, and course infrastructure.

Projects

Tasklight (macOS Productivity App)

2025

- Developed a Spotlight-style task capture app using **Go** and **React** (Wails) to instantly log tasks to Notion.
- Built a companion API service that proxies requests to **OpenAI**, letting users either supply their own API key or use a quota-limited shared key managed by me.
- Integrated Notion OAuth, Apple Keychain token storage, global keyboard shortcuts, and **OpenAI**-powered NLP.

Self-Hosted APIs (Spring Boot & Flask Services)

2025

- Developed a suite of custom APIs in **Kotlin (Spring Boot)** and **Python (Flask)** for personal productivity and hobby projects.
- Containerized services with **Docker**, deployed to a self-hosted **TrueNAS** server, and exposed securely through **Cloudflare Tunnels**.
- Implemented public endpoints (e.g., Goodreads "current read" fetcher, word search generator) and private services for a smart mirror and **Tasklight** integration.
- Applied best practices including idempotent design, OAuth/Keychain security, quota management, and unit tests with JUnit & MockMvc.

Technical Skills

Languages: Kotlin / Java, Python, C++, SQL, TypeScript, Go

Frameworks & Tools: Spring Boot, Cloudflare R2 (AWS S3 SDK), React, Docker, Git, Flask, Excel, Jira

Leadership

Buona Beef

Jun. 2022 – Aug. 2024

Guest Service Trainer

Lakemoor, IL

- Coached 100+ new employees on company policies, customer interaction, and restaurant procedures.
- Assisted with the grand opening of 3 new store locations in collaboration with the corporate team.
- Delivered top-tier guest service in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment.