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**Professional Summary**

Disciplined and mission-focused professional with 5 years of active-duty military service and a strong background in leadership, technical training, mechanical systems, and customer service. Demonstrated ability to lead high-visibility teams and execute with precision in fast-paced environments—from national ceremonies to military aircraft maintenance. Currently pursuing a B.S. in Computer Science to transition into technology-driven roles. Recognized by high-ranking officials and peers for excellence, initiative, and rapid learning.

**Education**

**University of Maryland Global Campus**

Associates Degree in Aircraft Maintenance — November 2024  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science — *Projected June 2025*  
GPA: 3.2 (tentative)

**Professional Experience**

**United States Air Force**  
*F-16 Engine Mechanic* — **2023–Present**

* Achieved 7-Level certification and promotion to Staff Sergeant in just 1.5 years through an accelerated training pipeline.
* Conducted advanced diagnostics, maintenance, and repairs on F-16 engines with strict adherence to USAF standards.
* Mentored junior airmen and contributed to readiness and mission capability.
* Implemented comprehensive training assessment for incoming airmen to improve job familiarity and proficiency
* Certified to brief Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) and Suicide Awareness protocols; conducted formal trainings for both peers and ranking superiors to ensure compliance with Air Force behavioral health and safety standards.

*Ceremonial Guardsman, Washington D.C.* — **2020–2023**

* Served in the elite Air Force Honor Guard, executing ceremonies alongside the President and high-level dignitaries.
* Led performance teams in front of live and televised audiences of millions.
* Named Airman of the Month for three consecutive months.
* Promoted to **Head of Training**, responsible for training 15 airmen from the ground up.
* Honored with challenge coins from three 2-star generals and the USAF Surgeon General; received a formal letter of acknowledgment.

**Starbucks Coffee Company**  
*Barista Trainer & District Barista Champion* — **2017–2020**

* Trained 10+ baristas and an assistant store manager in customer experience, beverage crafting, and store operations.
* Named **District Barista Champion** for outstanding performance and leadership.
* Fostered a high-energy, team-driven environment in a fast-paced retail setting.

**Technical Projects**

**Unity Game Development – C#**  
*Independent Projects*

* **Rocket Flight Simulator (2D):** Built a physics-based game where users fly a rocket through 2D space to a landing zone.
* **Marble Balance Board Game:** Designed a puzzle game where players guide a marble across a board using tilt controls, simulating real-world physics.

**Skills**

* Team Leadership & Training
* Jet Engine Mechanics (F-16)
* Public Ceremony & Protocol
* Unity & C# Development
* Troubleshooting & Diagnostics
* Computer Science Fundamentals (C++, Python, Java)
* Adaptability & Rapid Learning
* Technical Documentation
* Customer Service & Retail Training

**Awards & Recognition**

* Airman of the Month (3x)
* Challenge Coins (3 Major Generals, USAF Surgeon General, Washington Wizards, Honor Flight WW2 Veterans)
* Letter of Acknowledgment (USAF Surgeon General)
* District Barista Champion – Starbucks

**Security Clearance**

* **Secret**