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# P Education

#### SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Computer Science Robert Warren Scholar Expected Jun 2021 GPA: 3.8/4.0

#### Coursework

Object-Oriented Programming Data Structures Discrete Mathematics Computer Graphics

# Technical Skills

#### **LANGUAGES**

C++ (Proficient)
Java (Intermediate)

#### **TOOLS**

HTML5/CSS3 (Intermediate) Eclipse (Intermediate)

# Languages

Mandarin Chinese (Proficient)

# □ Activities

# SANTA CLARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Volunteer, Nov 2017 - Feb 2018

- Tutored 20 elementary students in East San Jose through after-school enrichment program (CORAL)
- Enforced safety regulations to maintain positive learning environment

#### **WOMEN IN STEM**

Member, Sept 2017 - present

- Attended Q&A panels of women engineers to gain more insight into professional career experiences
- Fostered sense of community among members by attending club networking events

#### Interests

Aspiring Yelp Elite Squad Member, foodie, painting, sketching, tennis, traveling

# Experience

#### **CODE TO THE FUTURE**

Instructor, May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Assigned to instruct younger technology-driven students through block-based coding video game design (Scratch) and Minecraft modding using Eclipse (Java)
- Conducted 6-hour classes of a total of ~40 students
- Improved students' knowledge of the debugging process, code organization & programming logic

#### **STEM ACADEMY**

Instructor, Mar 2014- Jun 2017

- Tasked to hone students' application of the scientific method through executions of natural science experiments
- Coordinated a team of 4 instructors in planning, organizing, and teaching lessons, experiments, and demonstrations for ~30 students
- Provided students with additional opportunity to explore STEM field outside of class

# **Projects**

## **WORD SEARCH**

May 2018

- Language: C++
- A word-searching algorithm to find all valid words with at least 5 letters in a given puzzle of any dimensions by comparing it to dictionary text file
- Learned to consider different cases when writing algorithm (horizontally, vertically, forwards, and backwards)

#### **HANGMAN**

Aug 2018

- Language: C++
- A text-based hangman game in which the answer is randomly selected from dictionary text file
- Acquired greater understanding of the functions, weaknesses, and strengths of different data structures

#### **4-PUZZLE PROBLEM**

Aug 2018

- Language: C++
- A simplified version of the 8-puzzle problem
- Practiced the implementation of directed graph and breadthfirst search algorithm
- Algorithm outputs the shortest successive moves needed to solve the puzzle with the empty space ending on bottom right of the board

# Leadership

# **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

SW Washington Youth Council Member, Jun 2015 - Jun 2017

- Organized bi-annual blood drives, attracting ~200 donors annually, and annual coin drives for disaster relief and measles vaccinations
- Assisted in facilitating an annual leadership development conference for 50 high schoolers through the instruction of leadership classes and team-building exercises
- Increased high school Red Cross club membership by 50%