

# Jason Kao

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## Education

**Columbia University**, New York, NY

Enrolling in the Class of 2022

Pursuing B.S. in Computer Science with Minors in Political Science and Statistics

Extracurriculars: C.P. Davis Scholars Program

**Stuyvesant High School**, New York, NY

June 2018

SAT: 1540/1600 (W: 22/24), ACT: 35/36

Relevant Coursework: Multivariate Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics, AP US Government & Politics

Extracurriculars: [Web Editor] The Stuyvesant Spectator, [Director of Design] StuyHacks

## Work Experience

**Tapp Studios**, Remote

May 2018 - Present

*Freelance Software Developer*

- Independently designed and built a React Native personal finance app.
- Engineered and launched property management app with React Native, Firebase, and Stripe.

**Imminent Digital**, New York, NY

January 2017 - March 2017

*Software Engineering Intern*

- Expedited a UI revamp of the funding and volunteer campaign, accelerating V1 release.
- Implemented messaging interface on the MEAN social network.

**Story2**, New York, NY

March 2016 - September 2016

*Software Development Intern*

- Developed D3 data visualizations for student performance dashboards.
- Redesigned user dashboard and onboarding process on the essay-writing platform.

## Projects

**The Brass Tacks** (<https://brtacks.com>)

May 2018 - Present

*Founder & CEO*

- Launched joint online magazine and statistics-based apparel startup to inform sociopolitical discussion.
- Write and edit The Brass Tacks magazine, informing sociopolitical discussions with visual essays.
- Secured \$1000 in capital for apparel line after placing 2nd in i.Invest National Youth Business Competition.

**The Stuyvesant Spectator** (<https://git.io/vFWCw>)

March 2017 - March 2018

- Spearheaded design and development of React website, Rails/GraphQL server, and Go uploader from scratch while managing 10 people over three teams.
- Led recruitment efforts, meetings, and training workshops that increased the department's staff by 60% in 2017.
- Formatted and uploaded 20-40 articles biweekly, reaching 3,000 monthly readers.

## Skills

**Languages:** JavaScript (ES7), Python, Java, Go, C, PostgreSQL, Ruby, CSS, HTML

**Libraries & Frameworks:** React / Redux / Apollo, Rails, GraphQL, Node, D3, MongoDB

**Tools & Technologies:** Git, AWS, Google Cloud Platform, Illustrator, Sketch, Jupyter, Gulp, Webpack, Docker, UNIX

## Honors

- 1st Place**, Two Sigma High School Data Science Competition (2017)
- Google's Best ML Hack**, MHacks X (2017)
- Top 3**, HackNYU (2017)
- 2nd Place**, I.invest Startup Competition (2017)
- Honorable Mention**, PennApps (2018)
- C2's Best Hack for Air Traffic**, MHacks 9 (2017)
- Finalist**, National Merit Scholarship (2017)