Justin Lee

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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

College Park, MD

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in General Business

Expected: May 2027

 Awards and Achievements: Presidential Scholarship (\$50,000 merit-based scholarship), VIP Research Course (1 of 12 students selected), Research to be Cited in a 2026 Academic Publication

EXPERIENCE

Data Visualization Research Assistant

May 2025 – Present

Digital Engagement Lab - Philip Merrill College of Journalism

College Park, MD

- Conducted cross-functional research combining journalism, computer science, and cognitive psychology to enhance digital news engagement through data-driven strategies
- Designed and implemented the Multi-Source News Dashboard, a full-stack analytics platform that has scraped 7,300+ news articles from sources like CBS, ABC, and BuzzFeed
- Projects featured in numerous conferences, obtaining interest and research support from 3 major local news outlets

Projects

Multi-Source News Dashboard | Python, Streamlit, PostgreSQL, AWS Aurora

Aug 2025

- Built a web scraping system using Python and BeautifulSoup to collect 7,300+ articles from 4 major news sources (ABC News, CBS News, The Tab, BuzzFeed) with intelligent rate limiting and data cleaning
- Developed a real-time visualization dashboard using Streamlit and Plotly with 6+ interactive charts, automated
 10-minute data refresh, and comprehensive analytics covering 4 news sources across 2+ months of data collection

AI Aesthetic Scorer | Python, Pytorch, Streamlit, Docker

Jun 2025

- Designed the ML pipeline to extract 7+ visual features using ViT, enabling nuanced assessment of composition, color, and subject appeal, leading to 75% accuracy when tested
- Built a complete MLOps pipeline in Python and PyTorch, implementing advanced bias correction algorithms that reduce brightness bias influence by 30% and improve scoring accuracy by 10-15% for diverse lighting conditions

MealMatch | Vue.js, JavaScript, Express, Spoonacular API

Jan 2025

- Developed a full-stack web application using Vue.js and Express that allows users to find 5,000+ recipes based on available ingredients, featuring real-time API integration with Spoonacular's recipe database
- Implemented responsive design principles and user interface elements including dynamic ingredient tags, modal recipe displays, and error handling, enhancing user experience

ORGANIZATIONS

Korean Student Association

May 2024 - Present

President — Former Fundraising Chair

College Park, MD

- Lead strategic planning and organizational development, transforming internal programs to enhance inclusivity, member retention, and overall community engagement aimed towards a general student body of 250+ members
- Collaborate with campus departments, faculty advisors, and external organizations to secure sponsorships, increase funding, and expand KSA's campus presence

Kappa Theta Pi

Member

May 2025 – Present College Park, MD

- Professional Technology Fraternity focused on technical and professional development

Actively participate in professional development workshops, community service, and philanthropy events aimed at
fostering growth in technical proficiency, career readiness, and community engagement

Technical Skills

Cloud & Data Platforms: Firebase, PostgreSQL, AWS (Aurora, RDS)

Languages: Java, Python, C, JavaScript, OCaml, Rust Web Development: React, Vue, Node.js, Express, Streamlit ML & Data Science: PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy

Other: OpenCV, BeautifulSoup, Docker