# Joe H Hollander

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Passionate and motivated high school student with a strong interest in finance, mathematics, and their intersection. Always eager to learn more and collaborate with others.

## **EDUCATION**

South Burlington High School

South Burlington, VT

August 2022-Present

Current GPA: 3.99/4.0, PSAT: 1520/1520

Relevant Coursework: AP Calculus BC (Exam Score: 5/5)

Burlington, VT

July 2024

University of Vermont

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Calculus III (Multivariable Calculus)

## **PROJECTS**

#### KAGGLE COMPETITIONS

- Participated in Kaggle competitions, most recently placing in the top 25% of over 3000 participants in the Podcast Listening Challenge
- Applied data cleaning techniques, including imputation, dimension reduction, normalization, and feature engineering, to enhance model performance
- Implemented and optimized machine learning models including Random Forest, Clustering, and Ensemble methods for competitive prediction challenges
- Created insightful data visualizations using Matplotlib and Seaborn

## **OPTIONS PRICING MODELS**

- Implemented the Black-Scholes model in Python to calculate theoretical values of European options with precision
- Developed interactive visualizations demonstrating how changes in underlying prices affect option valuations
- Created graphical representations of simple option strategies to analyze risk-reward relationships
- Built Binomial Tree models to accurately price both American and European style options

#### CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA COLLECTION

- Engineered a data collection system using Websocket and REST APIs to gather comprehensive second-by-second market data from the Kraken exchange
- Developed asynchronous Python functions to process and display real-time orderbook data and market statistics
- Optimized data storage solutions using Parquet file format, Git version control, and Docker containers

## **SKILLS**

- Programming: Python 3 (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib)
- Data Science: Machine Learning (Scikit-learn, LightGBM, XGBoost)
- Software: Git, Docker, Parquet

### AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- National Merit Semifinalist: Perfect PSAT score
- 2nd Regional Prize in the Vermont High School Prize Examination: State-wide math exam (May 2024)
- Math League 7th Place Individual Award (2025)
- SBHS High Honor Roll: All's A's for the entirety of high school

# **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Math League Champions (2022-2025), Captain (2025)
- Varsity Ultimate Frisbee (Spring 2024, 2025)
- Varsity Soccer (Fall 2024)

- Club Soccer (2017-2025), Captain (2025)
- Ping Pong Club President (2024-2025)
- Math Tutoring ( $\sim 30 \text{ hours}$ )