

Katie Li

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

GPA: 4.00/4.00

- 2024-2025 Rothmuller Award
- Relevant Coursework: Algorithms and Models of Computation, Data Structures, Computer Architecture, Probability & Stats for Computer Science, Software Design Lab

Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, CA

August 2020 - June 2024

- 2024 National Merit Finalist

GPA: 4.00/4.00

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C++, Python, Java, JavaScript, SQL, C#
- Frameworks & Technologies: React, Flask, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Numpy, HTML/CSS, PostgreSQL
- Certifications: Machine Learning Specialization (DeepLearning.AI)

PROJECTS

Stride | Mobile Fitness App

July 2025 - Present

- Designed intuitive UI mockups and flows in Figma to guide app development and enhance user experience
- Implemented on-device AI for real-time running form analysis using TensorFlow and MoveNet pose detection
- Managed a PostgreSQL database to store running performance metrics, custom training plans, user data
- Developed a secure user authentication flow (login/signup) to manage user access and protect sensitive data

Bookrates | Book Recommendation Website

May 2025 – July 2025

- Built a book recommendation system using content based filtering and unsupervised machine learning
- Developed a collaborative filtering model using several million Goodreads user interactions and 70k books
- Designed and implemented a user-item interaction matrix to model user preferences based on their past reads
- Implemented a full-stack web app (bookrates.vercel.app) using React (frontend), Flask + Numpy (backend)

3D Unity Video Game

May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Developed a 3D, psychological-horror themed escape room for UC Santa Cruz's COSMOS summer program
- Utilized Unity, C#, 3D graphics and post-processing effects for enhanced visual appeal

RESEARCH & LEADERSHIP

Multimodal AI Research Project in Educational Technology

May 2025 - Present

- Developed Ellysia, a multi-modal AI system that evaluates and ranks STEM instructional videos
- Applied a research-based 12 item checklist grounded in cognitive and learning sciences to the grading system
- Wrote a batch processing script to automate evaluation with VLMs and LLMs, generating structured scores
- Experimented on CC-licensed YouTube videos, comparing alignment between AI and human judgment

USA Computing Olympiad | Director of Competitive Programming Club

Sept 2022 - June 2024

- Gave weekly presentations to club members regarding competitive programming topics (DSA, Algorithms)
- Programmed in C++ for competitive programming USACO contests, achieved Gold Division status

EXPERIENCE

TheCoderSchool

April 2023 – June 2024

Code Coach

- Taught 50+ weekly Python lessons to middle and high school students, introducing core programming concepts
- Guided students through game development projects, implementing interactive and playable experiences

Robotics For All

Jan 2022 – July 2022

Web Development Intern

- Collaborated with a team of interns to program Robotics For All's main website using React, JavaScript, CSS
- Edited and improved the website's design to make it more visually appealing and accessible for users