# Kristina Gu

# Computer Science & Game Design

GPA: 3.6

# Portfolio

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## **Awards**

#### Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

- 1 Silver Medal (national award), 3 gold keys, 1 silver key, 5 honorary mentions
- Awards given for writing in the categories of Science Fiction/Fantasy, Short Story, and Personal Essay/Memoir

#### National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

#### High Honors/Dean's List

· All semesters at Cornell

# **Skills**

#### Technical

- · Python, Java, OCaml, Javascript, C++
- · Unix/Linux, Git

#### Statistics & Data Analysis

· Matlab, R

#### Design

· Adobe InDesign, HTML/CSS

#### **Game Development**

 Unreal Engine: Blueprints, C++, gameplay programming (including behavior trees)

### Education

## Cornell University - B.S. Computer Science

2018 — 2022

- · Major: Computer Science, Minor: Game Design
- · High Honors and Dean's List (all terms)
- · Research Assistant in Dept. of Computer Graphics under Professor Donald Greenberg

#### Relevant Coursework:

 Object-Oriented Programming & Data Structures, Discrete Structures, Data Structures & Functional Programming, Linear Algebra, Visual Imaging in the Electronic Age, Systems Programming, Probability Models and Inference, Foundations of AI, AI Practicum, C++ Programming, Computer Graphics I, Intro Analysis of Algorithms

#### The Lawrenceville School

2014 — 2018

· High Honors and Dean's List (all terms), graduated cum laude

# Experience

# Teaching Assistant - ``Visual Imaging in the Electronic Age''

Sep 2020 — present

· Grade assignments and help answer student questions about class material

# Gameplay Programmer & Story Designer — Astral Clocktower Studios

Aug 2020 - present

- Part of agile development team working on debut title Kristala, developed in Unreal Engine 4
- Design and implement gameplay mechanics, in particular combat mechanics and unique behaviors for different enemy types, primarily using UE4 Blueprints
- Design all aspects of narrative in the game, including overarching plot, side quests, dialogue, and lore found from in-game discoverables
- · Assist with other writing, such as scripts for videos featuring our team and game
- Established and trained Quality Assurance (QA) team to find and report bugs
- · Developed and manage bug tracking system for internal and QA bug reports using Jira

#### Technical Analyst Intern — Synergy

Jun 2020 — Jul 2020

- Worked as part of agile development team to conduct requirements analysis, for government contract to integrate third-party module into an existing United States Coast Guard system
- · Assisted in writing documentation and in review and analysis of .NET/WPF code base

# Research Assistant — Cornell Department of Computer Graphics

Jan 2020 - present

- Working under Professor Donald Greenberg on projects involving virtual reality (VR)
- Wrote 20+ page report studying edge enhancement and its effect on dynamic range for computer-generated scenes

#### Essay Review Consultant — CollegeVine

Nov 2018 — Jan 2019

 Reviewed an average of 25 application essays a week, providing suggested revisions and feedback reports

# Technical Consulting Intern — Jochum, Shore, & Trossevin PC Jun 2017 — Aug 2017

- Assisted in developing marketing strategy and press kit for Infosci (data security tech start-up)
- Conducted research on AI in agriculture, wrote memoranda to prepare team members for relevant policy hearings
- · Represented firm at MS-13/UACs Senate hearing and provided report to client