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Education

University of Virginia School of Data Science: MS in Data Science | Charlottesville, Virginia

May 2025

Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning, Data Modeling, Bayesian, Big Data Systems, Neural Networks, LLMs

University of Virginia: Cognitive Science | Charlottesville, Virginia

August 2022 - May 2024

• Courses: Computational Problem Solving, Neuroscience, Cognition, Psycholinguistics, Game Programming & Design

College of William & Mary | Williamsburg, Virginia

August 2020 - May 2022

- NCAA Division I Student Athlete Basketball
- Developed time management skills, teamwork, initiative, work ethic

Skills

• Python (pandas, NumPy), R (tidyverse), SQL, AWS, Java & C. Google Suite/Microsoft Office Suite proficiency

Experience

UVA School of Data Science: MSDS Admissions Ambassador | Charlottesville, Virginia

June 2024 - Present

- Welcomed Visitors to Grounds and provided information tours of the building and academic programs
- Met with prospective students via informative 1:1 appointments
- Created week in the life content for social media accounts and School of Data Science webpage

JABA (Jefferson Area Board of Aging): Data Report Designer | Charlottesville, Virginia.

January 2024 - June 2024

- Corresponded with managers and directors to ascertain methods of data collecting, formatting, and targets for data
- Determined optimal formats for capturing and displaying data in Excel dashboards to present goal progression
- Completed HIPAA training regarding policy, procedure, and confidentiality

UVA Cognitive Science Research: Psycholinguistics Research Assistant | Charlottesville, Virginia **June 2023 - June 2024**

- Facilitated development of a study researching Vocal Similarity Among Siblings using PRAAT data analysis program
- Conducted interviews with three pairs of research participants to detect nuisances of speech between siblings
- Analyzed data on vocal frequency and timbre to determine linguistic similarities and differences between siblings

Residential Leadership Experience: Association Council Vice-President | Charlottesville, VA August 2023 - June 2024

- Devised community outreach programs within Charlottesville: Food Drives and Children's Hospital programming
- Nominated for resident of the month for November & March by the National Residence Hall Honorarium UVA

Projects

Optimizing Storytelling: TV Series Performance Analysis Capstone | Charlottesville, Virginia October 2024 - Present

- Analyzed NLP emotion scores and various other TV show genre trends and metrics to maximize viewership
- Implemented SARIMA model in python to analyze a multitude of factors influencing genre and viewership evolution
- Developed an interactive dashboard visualizing key insights for creators, network executives, and media analysts

Extra-Curricular Activities

Sports & Data Media Club

August 2024 - Present

• Discussed sports technology development: neural networks, analytics, computer vision, & prep for a career in sports

Super Smash Bros. Club: Member and logistics leader

August 2015 - June 2024

• Developed a strong community while playing competitive video games, initiated and competed in tournaments

University of Virginia Club Basketball: Student-Athlete

August 2023 - Present

• Trained basketball skills in a large team setting twice a week and Traveled for Competition against other universities