Logan Lara

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Education

Michigan State University

Expected May 2027

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

East Lansing, MI

Currently on leave until Spring 2026 to gain practical experience and focus on personal development.

Experience

Jackson Financial Inc.

Feb 2025 - Present

Security (Security Operations Center) Analyst Intern

Okemos, MI

- Protect company stakeholders from social engineering attacks by investigating phishing email events using threat intelligence tools (e.g., malware scanners, email header analyzers, IP data providers), handling 650+ events to date
- Safeguard client assets from fraudulent transactions by identifying and escalating business email compromises through comprehensive analysis, contributing to the protection of \$500,000+ across 5+ cases to date
- Strengthened company's security posture by training two new interns on phishing analysis procedures, leveraging technical experience and teaching ability

Self-Employed

May 2024 - Sep 2024

Al Trainer

East Lansing, MI

- Evaluated 10+ large language models (text-to-text and text-to-image) on STEM topics using C++, Python, and other technical prompts, applying few-shot learning and chain-of-thought prompting
- Enhanced model usability by refining outputs through reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF), aligning model behavior with client expectations and real-world application needs
- Due to strong performance, selected to review other trainers' submissions for quality assurance, ensuring alignment with model behavior policies and consistency across outputs

TRIO Student Support Services, Michigan State University

May 2022 - May 2024

STEM Tutor

East Lansing, MI

- Led over 30 tutoring sessions in calculus and programming, adapting to each tutee by utilizing diverse learning strategies such as spaced repetition, active recall, and the Feynman technique
- Educated students on time management and multi-tasking by introducing tools like Notion (i.e., productivity app) and the Pomodoro Technique, empowering marginalized individuals with valuable resources for growth

National Society of Black Engineers, Michigan State University

May 2022 - Nov 2023

President and Campus Affairs Senator

East Lansing, MI

- Facilitated chapter's receipt of multiple university and NSBE awards like MSU Outstanding Academic Organization of the Year by implementing logistical procedures that enhanced inter- and intra-chapter collaboration
- Enhanced board's operational efficiency by constructing task-management system and communication pipelines using strategic thinking and prioritization skills

Lear Corporation

May 2023 - Aug 2023

Controls Engineer Intern

Dallas, TX

- Resolved critical false-pass bug in car seat functionality test's PLC code through process analysis and knowledge of ladder logic
- Prepared reports and presentations for engineers and upper management on above-mentioned code bug, prompting company-wide investigation
- Developed backup drill contingency plan for PFMEA to ensure continuity in seat-shipping process for 30+ trailers

KPMG Finalist, Future of Tech Summit Case Competition Aug 2022 Orlando, FL

- Developed solution for community carbon neutrality by collaborating with cross-disciplinary team of four undergraduates, utilizing critical thinking, team leadership, and objective vision
- Effectively communicated solution to two panels of firm leadership by delivering speeches and PowerPoint presentations with executive presence, competing against 15 teams of undergraduate and graduate students

Skills

Programming Skills: C++, Python, Data Structures & Algorithms (DSA), Prompt Engineering, Ladder Logic Technical Skills: Reinforcement Learning, Data Annotation, Software Debugging, Phishing Analysis Soft Skills: Communication, Teamwork, Leadership, Problem-Solving, Adaptability, Self-Learning