

# Lucas Edwards

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## Work Experience

### ***S.A.A.S.S. Tutor (Economics and Computer Science)- Feb. 2021 - Pres.***

- Tutoring Student Athletes at NIU's Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS).
- Improving communication skills and learning to explain complex topics in a concise manner.

### ***Software Solution Developer Intern (.NET MVC)- Summer 2022***

- Gained Experience with MVC and .NET Core web development. I was responsible for the whole stack from the SQLServer back end to the front end UI using Bootstrap 5 and jQuery.
- Completed my own project that is currently deployed code at State Farm.
- Gained experience working independently and coordinating tasks with corporate leadership teams in a fortune 50 company.

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## Education

### ***Northern Illinois University (4.0 GPA) - Class of '23 May Graduation***

- Pursuing a B.S. degree in *Computer Science* (Software Development) and *Economics*.

### ***Bloomington High School (Valedictorian) - Class of '19***

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## Technical Skills

-*Front End Development: .NET Core 6 MVC, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML, CSS.*

-*Back End Development: C/C++, C#, Java, Python, PHP, MySQL, SQLServer, Mainframe experience.*

-*Other technical Experience: Unity Game Development, COBOL, IBM 370 Assembly, RISC-V.*

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## Extracurriculars & Awards

### ***C.R.A.M. Research Fellow at NIU Dept. of Computer Science- Fall 2021 - Pres.***

- Conducted research with the computer science department on gamification.
- Learned how to use the Unity game engine to develop education based games.
- Gained experience teaching myself technologies such as Gimp and C#.

### ***Speech & Debate Team (President 21-23)- 2019-2023***

- Gained leadership experience with a competitive academic team.
- Refined my communications skills to be able to communicate ideas and concerns in a quick and concise way.
- 2x IPDA Debate State Champion, Parliamentary Debate State Champion, National Extemporaneous Speaking Finalist, Impromptu Speaking State Finalist.

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## Awards

### ***Dittus-Schroeder Student Fellowship Award- Spring 2021***

- This Award is given to the student in the Lincoln Parliamentary Debate League who best embodies the spirit of debate and the members of the League. Chosen by vote of the League membership.

### ***John & Lili La Tourette Undergraduate Scholarship in Economics- Spring 2021***

- This scholarship/award is given to an economics student at Northern Illinois University who has stood out to the economic department faculty and is voted by them to receive this award.