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EDUCATION

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Anticipated Graduation: May 2026 | GPA: 3.65/4.0
Bachelor of Science
Majors in Secondary Education, History
Minor in Computer Science

AWARDS
Vanderbilt University Dean's List '23, '22
2023 | LEDA Career Fellow
2022 | OASC Gold Council Award
2021 | Questbridge NCM Scholarship
2021 | Questbridge College Prep Scholar

WORK EXPERIENCE

CAMP COUNSELOR | Portland Parks & Recreation | PORTLAND, OR
Jun 2021 - Aug 2023
- Full-time employment with Portland Parks & Recreation at their Grout SUN program, summer day camps catering to students on free/reduced lunch in the community
- Led groups of 8-15 children through activities such as sports, games, free play, arts, crafts, and meals/snacks
- Developed lesson plans with coworkers daily, communicating concerns and updates with supervisors and coworkers throughout the day
- Resolved personal and interpersonal conflicts with the campers(grades K-5)
- Distributed canned/dry goods, organized inventory and signed in clients of weekly food pantry organized by the Grout SUN program

SHIFT LEAD | Ben & Jerry's | NASHVILLE, TN
Aug 2023-Present
- Provide exceptional customer service via proactive positivity, deep knowledge of over 30 flavors and sales prices, and empathetic redirection of aggressive interactions
- Direct the completion of closing tasks by self and coworkers: experience with quality assurance and ensuring food safety throughout shop, managing time and coworkers to efficiently close while serving up to 100 sales per shift, manual labor including mopping, heavy lifting, and dishwashing
- Manage end-of-night register and inventory accounting, handle deposits, document sales report, and calculate nightly revenue

RELEVANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

VANDERBILT STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR SCIENCE | Meigs Middle Magnet School | Nashville, TN
Oct 2023 - Nov 2023
- Traveled to local middle school classroom of 30 students to teach weekly science lessons over 4 weeks
- Personally led instruction of whole-class lectures on scientific concepts, including various concepts, experiments for the student to perform, and real-world applications
- Recognized students who were struggling, either with activity or the material, and worked one-on-one with them while teammates instructed
- Spoke with classroom teacher after lessons to glean insight on areas for improvement in my teaching

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING VOLUNTEER EDUCATOR | Code Ignite Vanderbilt | NASHVILLE, TN
Sep 2022-Dec 2022
- Collaborated with the Middle Tennessee YMCA to provide basic computer science and programming education to local middle school children in low-income afterschool programs
- Implemented and adapted Scratch curriculum through 6+ weekly virtual lessons
- Navigated difficulties inherent to the program, such as not being able to see student's screens, with engaging, relatable presentation of material as well as the effort of YMCA staff and the students themselves
- Connected students' interest in games and online content to computer science and game design principles with real-world examples