Matthew Lee

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Education

BSE in Biomedical and Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke University Fall 2020 – May 2024

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, IL Fall 2017 - May 2020

Dunlap High School, Dunlap, IL Fall 2016 - May 2017

Illinois Central College, Peoria, IL Summer 2015 - Summer 2018

Research Experience

Bass Connections Summer 2021 – Present

Bioinformatics project on analyzing population dynamics and biodiversity in ocean microbiome communities with Dr. Zackary Johnson. Applications include population dynamics in human gut microbiome.

Allen Lab at Duke Center for Genomic and Computational Biology

May 17, 2020 - Present

Working on identifying allele-specific expression on schizophrenia ATAC-seq dataset under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Allen.

Wu Lab at NU-Feinberg School of Medicine

Fall 2018 - May 2020

Research intern at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine under the supervision of Dr. Jane Wu. Explored glioblastoma prognosis using machine learning techniques.

UC Davis Young Scholars Program

Summer 2019

Researched the expression of FT in A. Thaliana under environmental change with Dr. Daniel Runcie.

Independent Study Fall 2019 - May 202

Studied microbiota and bacterial antibiotic resistance under Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy faculty (Dr. Jessica Amacher).

Clubs/Extracurricular Activities

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2022

Undergraduate teaching assistant for COMPSCI 260 (Introduction to Computational Genomics) for Spring 2022

Research Assistant Summer 2021- Present

Researching under the mentorship of Dr. Andrew Allen; Analyzing chromatin accessibility in Schizophrenia ATAC-seq data.

Huang Fellows Program

Summer 2021- May 2024

Duke Science & Society Huang Fellow Class of 2024; Learning about societal and ethical implications of science through Duke Science and Society. Designed curriculum for elementary school science classroom. Created podcast and poster for research project done under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Allen.

Ethical Tech Research Assistant

September 2020 – Present

Research assistant for a project on the legal framework for regulating biometric tech firms (specifically Clearwater AI) as part of Ethical Tech, a Duke club dedicated to ethical issues in science and technology.

Scholastic Bowl (Quizbowl)

Fall 2017 - Present

Varsity Team Member for Illinois Mathematics and Science Olympiad; Captain for senior year; All-State Team; National Competition 5th Place; Currently on Duke's Quizbowl Team.

Writer for Duke University Science Olympiad

Fall 2021 - Present

Writer for Duke University Science Olympiad; writing questions on Anatomy and Physiology that high school students will compete with.

Hospital Volunteer Summer 2018

Volunteered at OSF Saint Francis in Peoria, IL; cleaned rooms, organized patient files, and talked and served drinks and food to patients at the Infusion Center

Awards

Ethical Tech and Kenan Institute for Ethics Case Competition

2021

2nd Place Team

USA Biology Olympiad

National Semifinalist (Top 10% in Nation)

2018, 2019

Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association

All-State Team	2018, 2019
National Tournament: 13th Place	2019

National All-Star Academic Tournament (Quizbowl Nationals) 2019

Team Illinois (5th Place)

AP Scholar Award

AP Scholar with Honor 2020

National Merit Scholarship

National Merit Finalist 2020

Relevant Skills/Coursework

Courses:

COMPSCI 201 – Data Structures and Algorithms

COMPSCI 250 – Computer Architecture

COMPSCI260 - Introduction to Computational Genomics

ECE110L - Fundamentals in Electrical and Computer Engineering

MATH212 - Multivariable Calculus

MATH218 – Matrices and Vectors (Linear Algebra)

NEUROSCI223 - Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology

PHY141L - General Physics I

Skills:

Proficient in Python and Java; Intermediate in C++; Beginner in R Standard Molecular Biology Techniques (DNA/RNA prep, PCR, etc.)