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## **EDUCATION**

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Chicago, IL, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

July 2015 - May 2019

- Camras Scholars Board Member, which accepts less than 1% of IIT students to lead local service projects.
- Researching impact of new curriculum at the Academy for Global Citizenship in an interdisciplinary student team as part of coursework. Designing adjustment solutions to be tested by 50+ families.

**Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)** Aurora, IL

August 2012 - June 2015

- Selected, one of 250 students per year, for three-year, rigorous, residential, STEM education program.
- Led 21-student Cabinet as Student Body President and ran 30+ projects for Academy improvement.

#### **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

Chicago Public Schools CS4ALL Initiative Curriculum Developer and Teacher Assistant

October 2015 - Present

■ Designing lessons and assisting teachers to implement a high school CS graduation requirement by 2016.

### **IMSA TALENT Entrepreneurship Society** Student Board Member

August 2013 - June 2015

- Developed four game-oriented activities to teach 350+ high school students about Lean Startup tactics.
- Presented experiential learning strategies at three conferences for 250+ school administrators/teachers.

## **WEB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**



September 2015 - Present

Graffiti Graph

October 2015 - Present

Developed working mobile application to make finding and meeting up with your friends easier.

- **1st Place** MonkeyBars Open Build, September 2015 (14 teams competed)
- Finalist Chicago RedEye Big Idea Contest, October 2015 (25+ teams competed)



September 2015

Built mobile app with Spotify API to let users add songs and create a playlist the whole group likes.

**Best Mobile App** - WashU Hackathon, September 2015 (50+ teams competed)

Prototyped a gang graffiti elimination algorithm for the City of Chicago using open data from Rockford, IL.



**1st Place** - ThinkChicago Tech Challenge, October 2015 (50+ teams competed)



**EcoEats** 

September 2015 - Present

Created web platform for students to cook, share, and split the costs of meals with classmates.



**Omnipointment** 

August 2015 - Present

Revamping features of Doodle and When2Meet into a faster, more intelligent group scheduling tool.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Speech and Debate** (total number of competitors in parentheses)

■ Four-Time National Qualifier (one of less than 30 in class of 2015)

■ 2013: 10th Place, Nationals in Extemporaneous Speaking (250+)

■ 2014: Illinois State Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking (230+)

■ 2015: 2nd Place, Extemporaneous Tournament of Champions (70+)

**Eagle Scout** Boy Scouts of America



Awarded Scouting's highest rank, earned by less than 6% of all Scouts, for leadership and community service.

**Instructure MebiPenny Challenge** Scored in top 10 of 200+ Chicago adults, solving challenges in Java.

September 2015

**UChicago Civic Ideathon** Won Best Problem Frame, consulting for the Y's diabetes prevention program.

October 2015