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EDUCATION

Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA | *B.S. in Information Technology* | Expected: May 2026

Relevant Courses: Software Engineering, Human-Computer Interaction

SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks: JavaScript, TypeScript, React, React Native, Expo, HTML, CSS, C#, Python, Pygame

Backend & Cloud: RESTful APIs, Firebase, Supabase, SQL, OpenAI API, Vercel

Tools & Systems: Git, VS Code, Authentication Systems, State Management, API Integration, Mobile Development

Workplace: UI/UX Design, Team Leadership, Communication, Problem-Solving, Critical Thinking, Project Management

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Smart Advisor – Backend Developer | *Course: Human Computer Interaction* | Aug 2024 - Present

- Architected Smart Advisor, a personalized recommendation engine that suggests books and movies based on user preferences, implementing a secure and scalable backend system.
- Migrated the backend infrastructure from Firebase to Supabase, improving database performance while maintaining seamless user authentication and content management.
- Designed and developed RESTful API endpoints for third-party service integration, including OpenAI, TMDB, and Google Books APIs.

Pao'er Ship – Game Developer | *Course: Computer Architecture* | Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Developed "Pao'er Ship," a Battleship-style game for Raspberry Pi using Python and Pygame, featuring interactive UI, sound effects, and multiple game modes.
- Implemented multiple AI difficulty levels with progressive targeting algorithms, from simple random selection to advanced probability-based decision matrices.

Lion's Den Cinema – Mobile & Backend Developer | *Course: Information Systems* | Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Developed "Lion's Den Cinemas" mobile app using React Native/Expo and TypeScript, enabling users to browse movies, book tickets with interactive seat selection, and order concessions.
- Built RESTful .NET API backend supporting user authentication, theater operations, ticket bookings, and database integration for both mobile and web clients.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Innovation Hub, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA | *Technology Assistant* | Aug 2024 - Present

- Assisted students in 3D printing and podcasting for academic projects.
- Provided technical support and developed a VR game for workshops.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

St. Ann Wine Bar, Mandeville, LA | *Server* | Nov 2023 – Apr 2025

- Prepared venues with attention to detail and coordinated with kitchen staff for timely meal delivery.
- Operated POS system, demonstrating technical proficiency in processing transactions.

Premier Roofing, Denver, CO | *Sales Intern* | Summer 2023

- Engaged customers using strong interpersonal skills and conducted complimentary roof inspections.
- Assisted in assessing storm damage and providing professional recommendations to homeowners.

