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About Me

I am an aspiring IT professional with a passion for VFX, computer graphics, and machine learning. I have created 17 unique open-source projects and published two papers with over 300 downloads on large language models. Pursuing a degree in Film has honed my creative problem-solving and project management skills. I excel in developing professional video content and organizing group projects. I also enjoy reading, listening to music, visiting local theaters, and cycling.

Education

Kenyon College

Bachelor of Arts in Film; GPA: 3.47/4.00

Gambier, Ohio

Aug 2020 – May 2024

Minor in History and Concentration in Integrated Program in Humane Studies

- **Relevant coursework:** Senior Research Seminar, AI for the Humanities, Software Development, Programming Humanity, Data Structures & Program Design, Introduction to Programming
- **Extracurriculars:** Horn Gallery Videographer, Club Basketball, KSJP

Work Experience

Play-Well TEKnologies

After School STEM Instructor · Part-time

Chicago, Illinois

Sep 2024

Library and Information Services (LBIS), Kenyon College

IT Assistant · Part-time

Gambier, Ohio

Sep 2023 – Feb 2024

I supported campus-wide technology needs by preparing workstations, moving office tech, and securely erasing and recycling equipment. I restocked printers daily. I conducted classroom checks under the guidance of team members. I streamlined team projects by applying programming skills, in one instance by generating a spreadsheet of course meetings and classroom locations to determine when our techs could perform maintenance.

Sommerlad Construction

General Contractor · Part-time

Chicago, Illinois

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

I participated in demolition projects for remodeling efforts, performed general land management tasks such as lawn mowing and simple assembly, and supported the team in meeting deadlines and adhering to safety standards.

Fontanos Subs

Sub Artist · Part-time

Chicago, Illinois

May 2021 – Aug 2021

Worked behind the counter making sandwiches, maintaining cleanliness, and ensuring efficient service. Assisted with troubleshooting online orders, ensuring customer satisfaction and smooth operations.

Certificates

CompTIA ITF+ Sep 2024

NYU Tandon Bridge Mar 2025

Awards & Achievements

Leadership Book Award

George Washington University

Chicago, Illinois

Apr 2019

Skills

Programming: Python, JavaScript/Node, SQL, PHP, C, C++, Rust

Frameworks: Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, Scikit-Learn, Keras

Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate)