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Education

University of Maryland (College Park, MD) - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

May 2028

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Business, University Honors Program
- Relevant Coursework: Object-Oriented Programming I, Object-Oriented Programming II, Applied Probability and Statistics I, Discrete Data Structures

Relevant Skills

Programming Languages: Java, Python

Languages: English, Arabic

Technology: Microsoft Office, Google Workspace

Pre-Professional Experience

Bootcamp Engineer, App Development Club Bootcamp

[Spring 2025]

- Selected as 1 of 45 out of 500+ applicants to complete a semester-long training program focused on full-stack web development.
- Developed skills in Git/Github, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, FastAPI, and SQL Lite.
- Built individual projects and collaborated on a mock project team to simulate real-world development.
- Gained professional experience in networking and career readiness strategies.
- Participated in an internal hackathon, applying skills under time constraints.

Founder and Vice President, Charm-A-Hoop

[September 2023-April 2024]

- Founded a local student-run company in Towson, MD that sells a variety of gold charm earrings with a portion of proceeds going towards the House of Ruth charity organization.
- Oversaw the company's finance, production, and marketing divisions and set up and ran the website, our main form of sales.
- Assisted in making earrings, packaging orders, delivering orders, and advertising/promoting the company.
- In the 7 months of running, the company made a profit of over \$4000.

Teaching Assistant, Building Community: Showing up for Social Change, UMD

[Spring 2025]

- Led class discussions and facilitated student engagement by guiding conversations on complex academic topics.
- Collaborated with professors to refine discussion questions, evaluate homework, and provide constructive feedback to support student learning.

Intern, Eyler Creative

[July 2022]

- Collaborated with Eyler Creative staff and worked independently on website development, digital marketing projects, and website design.
- Designed web and social media graphics, developed content marketing strategies, and created comprehensive social media plans to enhance brand presence and engagement.
- Strategized and executed a digital marketing campaign for a local business to improve audience reach and visibility.

Waitress, Mercy Ridge Senior Living Community - Formal Dining Room

[March 2023- Present]

- Provided exceptional customer service in a fast-paced environment, managing multiple tables while ensuring accuracy and efficiency.
- Collaborated with kitchen and front-of-house staff to coordinate orders, resolve issues quickly, and enhance overall dining experiences.

Hackathon Participant, Technica Hackathon

[October 2024]

- Participated in the world's largest hackathon for underrepresented genders at the University of Maryland.

- Attended workshops to learn and practice new tech skills and be introduced to new career paths and opportunities in technology.

Cybersecurity Competition Winner - Loyola Blakefield Cyber Challenge

[March 2024]

- Placed 1st in a beginner-level cybersecurity competition among 20 local high schools.
- Gained hands-on experience in basic network security and encryption techniques.
- Collaborated with a team of 4 students to solve challenges such as programming, cryptology, network analysis, reverse engineering, forensics, web exploitation, and open-source intelligence.
- Demonstrated skills in problem-solving and critical thinking in a timed competition environment.

Shadow, Franklin Templeton

[July 2024]

- Shadowed workers at Franklin Templeton learning about their day-to-day and long-term jobs in the technology, business, and management fields.

Community Service

Friends in Faith, Founder and President

[December 2022- May 2024]

- Provided adults with disabilities with something to do on Saturday nights since it is more difficult for these adults to find events for themselves after they turn 18.
- Organized and recruited volunteers for a monthly Saturday night event where volunteers spend time with adults with disabilities during a party that includes food, crafts, a service project, faith sharing, music, gym games, and more.