

## MARK A. BLAHA II

Cybersecurity Student | Penetration Testing Focus  
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### SUMMARY

Passionate and driven cybersecurity student with an A.A.S. in cybersecurity. Comfortable with networking, front end development, automation, open source intelligence, and offensive security tools. Actively pursuing Security+, AWS, and OSCP certifications; seeking a penetration testing or cybersecurity engineering internship.

### EDUCATION

<b>Collin College</b>	Frisco, TX
<b>B.A.T, Information Systems Cybersecurity</b> (GPA: 4.0; President's List)	December 2025
<b>A.A.S, <i>summa cum laude</i>, Information Systems Cybersecurity</b> (GPA: 4.0)	2023 – 2024

### PROJECTS

<b>PCI-DSS v4.0 / COBIT Audit</b>	May 2025
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Led a simulated Level 3 PCI-DSS audit of a \$150k revenue mock financial firm. Created 30+ control tests, conducted risk assessment. Delivered technical report, presented findings to faculty.

### CERTIFICATIONS

<b>Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate</b>	January 29, 2024
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### CERTIFICATIONS (IN PROGRESS)

<b>AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (Pursuing)</b>	Expected September 2025
<b>CompTIA Security+ (Pursuing)</b>	Expected December 2025
<b>Offensive Security Certified Professional (Pursuing)</b>	Target 2026

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Programming & Scripting:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, GitHub, Bash, PowerShell  
**Security Tools:** Wireshark, Burp Suite, Nmap, Metasploit, OpenVAS  
**Networking:** TCP/IP & OSI models, Cisco IOS, Firewall rules & configuration, DNS, DHCP  
**Frameworks:** PCI-DSS v4.0, COBIT 2019, NIST CSF, ISO 27001, CIS Top 18, ATT&CK  
**Cryptography:** Asymmetric and symmetric key cryptography, hashing, digital signatures, PGP  
**GRC:** Risk assessment and control testing, gap analysis, findings documentation  
**Soft Skills:** Concise technical and analytical writing, academic research, technical presentations

### INTERESTS

Reading (Fiction & Non-Fiction), Strength Training, Music (Piano & Percussion), Cat Enthusiast