SAM SHI

Indiana University - Bloomington, IN   May 2023
Major: Computer Science | Minors: History, Chinese   **GPA: 3.9**

ORGANIZATIONS

Blockchain at IU   September 2019 - Present
President   September 2020 - Present
• Lead executive board meetings, monitoring club progress and spearheading new initiatives such defined roles for each executive board member
• As an executive board member, helped with marketing within the club by designing flyers for events and with coding a new website in HTML/CSS/JS
• Awarded first place at Blockchain at IU's Startup Pitch Competition (see below)

Hilite Newspaper – Carmel High School   August 2016 - May 2019
Managing Editor   August 2018 - May 2019
• Supervised page editors, reporters, photographers and graphics artists, streamlining the newspaper production process; that year, our newspaper won the most consecutive Pacemaker Awards of any high school publication
• Mentored staff about elements of journalism every week in presentation format, bolstering the journalistic skillsets of my fellow staff members

EXPERIENCE

Customer Relations Support, BZR   August 2020 - Present
• Improve customer relations by answering questions, reviewing feedback and fulfilling customer needs over social media or email
• Coordinate with other BZR employees to provide unified relations strategy, and address delivery delays and product quality issues

Graphics and Web-development Freelancer   July 2020 - Present
• Paid by the Indiana Daily Student to create web buildouts for online newspaper stories
• Earned over $1000 for creating graphics and websites for clients, most notably a portfolio website for an investment fund allowing the client to view the current value of their portfolio and the prices of their assets, as well as a paper for a business competition which was awarded Second in the State of Indiana

CCCI English Camp – Taiwan and China   June 2017, June 2016
Organizer and Instructor
• Lead and organized an all-day English Camp in Asia, planning and collaborating with other instructors to provide the best learning experience for children and teens to learn English
• Adapted to the challenges of teaching high-energy children by leading competitive teaching games as well as developing a classroom chant, fostering an atmosphere conducive to focused learning

Published Co-Author in Current Pharmaceutical Design
• Co-authored a published scientific paper reviewing novel antidepressants such as psychedelics
• Collaborated with other authors to provide and receive feedback and revise content accordingly

Awards

Finalist for the Macy's Case Competition
• Presented a strategy revolving around social media integration, improved UI, and other online initiatives such as a social media competition, to increase Gen-Z's engagement with Macy's and to address Macy's declining brand

First place for Blockchain at IU's Startup Case Competition
• Awarded first place at Blockchain at IU's Startup Pitch Competition for formulating, and selling the idea of a blockchain artist investment platform to a board of judges; won a cryptocurrency hardware wallet and smartwatch
• Personally awarded Best Speaker of the competition

Journalism Awards
• *Excellence - Page Layout at JEA San Francisco:* Awarded the second highest award in this category for designing and illustrating a mock newsmagazine page design at the JEA San Francisco Conference
• *Third place - Harvey Award Division 3 Infographics:* Illustrative sports graphic for high school newspaper was selected by managing editors for submission to Harvey Awards

Science Olympiad Awards (each placement is for a separate competition event)
• *First place, second place, second place - 2018 Indiana State Competition*: Performance at this competition allowed the high school team to reach Nationals for the fourth time in its history
• Other awards:
   o *First, first in the 2018 Butler Indiana Regional Competition events*
   o *First, third in the 2018 University of Chicago Invitational events*
   o *First, third in the 2018 Centerville Invitational events*
   o *First, second, third in the 2016 Whiting Invitational events*