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Education

Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Education High School — Jamaica, NY
CS Web and App Development — Expected June 2026

Experience

Bloomberg Philanthropies — Manhattan, NY
Dance and Arts Intern (Gallim) — June 2025 - Aug 2025

- Filming and editing content for socials like Instagram.
- Media marketing research to reach more engagement and reach new age groups like high school students for summer intensive programs dedicated towards choreography and contemporary dance.
- Graphic design for posters, costumes, and merchandise mockups.

PlayLab A.I — Jamaica, NY
Artificial Intelligence Intern — Apr 2025 - June 2025

- Produced and developed an artificial intelligence tool for public-use, with emphasis on primarily elderly and disabled groups.
- Cybersecurity research for increased security and consumer trust. Feeding large language models with data for catered A.I feedback and generated data.
- Artificial Intelligence model developed for technological assistance–an alternative to be integrated into devices, like Siri. Programmed with intent for greater accessibility, aiding those struggling with technology: in-depth guides and step-by-step walkthroughs.

InfoSys / Pencil Inc. — Financial District, NY
UX & UI Design Job Shadow — Feb 2025 - Apr 2025

- Professional high fidelity mockups and interactive prototypes designed for an application project. Data science, user market research, and surveying.
- Programs such as Figma and Canva used to develop the concept of a mental health app, alongside weekly seminars and discussion with industry professionals.

NYC Department of Education — Forest Hills, NY
Educator / Instructor Intern — Oct 2024 - Apr 2025

- Taught elementary students at P.S. 175 The Lynn Gross Discovery School. Showed them how to do basic graphic design and formulated a curriculum for them to follow.
- Students' projects and designs were printed and showcased to parents and other teachers. Designs were sold and profits were towards funding school projects and shop classes.
- Students learned general design skills through programs like Canva. Demonstration and walk-throughs provided.

LaGuardia College — Long Island City, NY
Graphic Design Intern — Jul 2024 - Aug 2024

- Gained hands-on experience using GIMP and other digital art applications to design graphic design projects.
- Utilized key design aspects like visual elements such as color, typography, and illustration.
- Designed and created symbolic paintings brought in for a public art showcase at LaGuardia College.

Bridges to Science — Houston, TX (Remote)
Marketing & Media Manager Job Shadow — Mar 2024 - June 2024

- Created and scheduled platform-specific social media content for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter/X targeting parents, sponsors, and partners.

- Designed monthly visuals and captions using Adobe Express for Nonprofit Bridges to Science and Houston Science Festival campaigns. Maintained content calendars and organized assets (templates, quotes, testimonials).
- Conducted marketing research to evaluate social media performance and audience engagement. Collaborated with the founder and design team to align messaging with branding and sponsorship goals.
- Created user-friendly registration forms. Made forms for payments and transactions through Omella.

CTE Design - Governor's Island   Jamaica, NY
Architectural / Design Intern   Jul 2023 - Aug 2023
- Produced a miniature scale playground for governor's island through essential design skills such as soldering, plastering, casting, sculpting, and scoring.
- Research and studies on accessibility considerations and issues. Analyzing accessibility failures and how to adapt such for better design, engineering, and architecture.
- Attended workshops to gain insight on technology and design skills necessary for engineering and development.

Freelance   Jackson Heights, NY
VFX Designer / 3D Modeller   Mar 2020 – Jul 2023
- Programs such as Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, and Blender to create several projects online.
- Hired as professional visual effects designer and editor for popular Content Creators online with over 200,000 followers.
- Managed an individual online business bringing in generated ad revenue with 35,000 followers. Consistent content creation, and live streaming..
- Handled individual finances and transactions through the monetization program Google Adsense, and payment service PayPal.

Extracurricular Activities

I.T CyberPatriots   Oct 2025 - Present
Competitor
- Selected to participate in a prestigious cybersecurity competition: CyberPatriots.
- Currently 6th in the states, tested on our Linux, Mint, and Windows skills.
- Studying and completing packet tracers and imaging.

Alternative Club   Sep 2025 - Present
Board Member
- Graphic Designer to create posters and advertisements.
- Attending meetings and supporting Alternative music and styles.

Apple App Design Challenge Showcase   Apr 2025
Competitor
- Selected to showcase a completed interactive prototype UI/UX design of a Mental Health coping application.
- Developed a fully functional and interactive design experience using Apple's integration of Swift UI and Figma.
- Presented mock-ups, design process, low fidelity and high fidelity mock-ups, and applied problem-solving, teamwork, and technical skills under time constraints.

Key Club   Sep 2024 – Present
Committee Team
- Exposure to a leadership study and workshops to enhance communication, collaboration, networking, and core management skills. Gained essential experience, knowledge, and connections. Overall, examining practical applications in real-world scenarios.
- Volunteering opportunities, aiding in events and preparation. Scrapbooking for events, managing awards.

National Honor Society   Dec 2024 – Present
Member
- Attended meetings to gain insight on industry practices and necessary real-world abilities.
- Engaging in community service events to support the community and the school.

National Technical Honor Society   Nov 2023 – Present
Board Member
- Attended various different workshops and networking events to develop professional skills and connect with industry leaders.
- Attended technical trips to gain first hand exposure to industry practices and cutting-edge technologies.
- Engaging in community service events, media managing, marketing, poster creating, merchandise designing.

Girls Varsity Softball   Mar 2024 – May 2024
Athlete

Girls Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track   Feb 2023 – Mar 2024
Athlete

Certifications

IT Specialist - HTML/CSS   September 2023 - June 2024
- Proficiency in creating visually appealing, responsive, and accessible websites.
- Gamification with coding language.
- Responsive design and cross-browser compatibility. Key network, server, web, and device knowledge.

ADDITIONAL

Technical Skills: Skilled in HTML/CSS, Python; Office Software Proficiency; Experienced in Web-Based Research and Digital Navigation; Principles of Software and Database Design; User Interface Design; Visual Effects; Adobe Software Proficiency;
Personal Attributes: Effective Communication; Emotional Intelligence; Time Management; Detail-Oriented; Adaptable Flexibility; Strategic Problem Analyst
Languages: Fluent in English; Conversational Proficiency in Bengali
Certifications & Training: Girls Who Code for HTML/CSS, Programming and Prototyping for Python @ Thomas Edison, IT Specialist Certification with Certiport