Kevin Zhang

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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign   **Expected Graduation:** May 2021
B.S. in Computer Science and Crop Sciences and Agricultural Economics   GPA: 3.82/4.00

Experience

Incoming Consultant at **Illinois Business Consulting**   Champaign, Illinois | Fall 2020

Boston Consulting Group (BCG Digital Ventures)   Singapore
Venture Intern   June 2020 – August 2020
- Worked to launch and scale a profit-for-purpose AgTech venture with a mission to improve the lives of smallholder farmers in developing markets.
- Contributed to product and design demonstrations for the client team and other senior stakeholders.
- Gained hands-on experience in building a startup from the ground up.

Farm Foundation
Farm Foundation Cultivator   June 2020
- One of six students nominated by college deans or department heads from accredited North American Land Grant colleges or universities to attend a Farm Foundation Round Table meeting.
- Interacted with leaders in today's food and agriculture sector and delivered a keynote address on digital agriculture.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign   Urbana, Illinois
Research Fellow, Advisor: Prof. Alex Lipka   October 2019 - Present
- Conducts research and independent studies in statistical genomics and plant pathology with both computational statistical and traditional crop science components.
- Member of the inaugural class of a competitive, Illinois statewide undergraduate fellowship offered through the USDA.

Rainbow Education and Technologies Inc.   London, Ontario
Founder   September 2015 – June 2017
- Founded this company in junior year of high school.
- Designed and developed a mobile app to help students to find tutors in a more convenient way.
- Handled all corporate documents filings and prepared tax returns.

Leadership

Taiwanese American Students Club
Vice President of Internal Affairs   April 2020 - Present
- Manage all programming aspects of the club and oversee all committee heads directly responsible for regular programs.
- Evaluate each event's success and maintain a record of TASC's programs.
- Supervise and advise interns during the school year.

Projects

Mobile App Development: **Integer - Personal Dashboard** - https://apple.co/2MHLD2h (Available on App Store)
- Independently developed iOS and Android app that displays timely and personally relevant numbers at a glance in a dashboard-like UI that people can view without need of opening different apps.
- Conducted user experience researches and employed an iterative and incremental developmental approach.

Publications

Fernandes, SB, **Zhang, KS,** Jamann, TM, Lipka, AE. How Well Can Multivariate And Univariate GWAS Distinguish Between True And Spurious Pleiotropy *(manuscript in review)*

Skills

- Excellent knowledge in information technology, agriculture, and international relations.
- Strong product management and software/application development skills.
- Proficient in Java, JavaScript, Python, C/C++, C#, R, .NET, SQL, Database Design, Cloud Computing.
- Native/Bilingual in English and Chinese (Mandarin), elementary proficiency in Spanish.