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SUMMARY

As a Bachelor of Science candidate majoring in Informatics with a specialization in User Experience and a minor in Psychology, I bring a strong knowledge of understanding the need for user-centered design and product development. My experience includes research and user-focused development, focusing on creating projects for different demographics with the final user in mind. I am eager to start my career in front-end design and accessibility, especially within a team environment.

EDUCATION

SUNY at Albany, Albany, NY, *expected May 2026*
BS in Informatics, Specialization in User Experience
Minor in Psychology
Relevant Coursework: Human-Computer Interaction, UX Research methods, Web Devleopement, Database Systems
Awards: Dean's List Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

East Aurora High School, East Aurora, NY, 2022
Awards: Advanced Regents Degree, AP Capstone Degree, Chamber Choice Award (2022)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SUNY at Albany, *CEHC* Ambassador, Albany, NY   August 2025- *Current*

- Attend events hosted by UAlbany to serve as a spokesperson for everything CEHC College including answering questions and recruiting new students
- Travel to Community Colleges and High Schools to talk to prospective students in hopes they will be excited and enroll into a UAlbany program
- Take groups around UAlbany campus and serve as a guide into student life in the main hub of CEHC majors, the ETEC building.
- Host and participate in community events

SUNY at Albany, *Social Media Content Creator*, Albany, NY   August 2025- *Current*

- Work with a group of 6 other UAlbany students to brainstorm content ideas
- Maintain a professional, yet fun and engaging presence on UAlbany social media
- Monitor trends on Tiktok, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter) and pair with campus activity to fully engage with the student body
- Film, act, and edit short form videos on a weekly, timely basis to ensure an extensive amount of postable content

Old Navy, *Store Associate*, Albany, NY   October 2022- *Current*

- Provided friendly, efficient customer service while assisting with merchandising, restocking, and maintaining a clean, organized sales floor.
- Accurately processed transactions, returns, and exchanges while meeting store productivity and service standards.
- Consistently recognized as a top Old Navy Card seller, exceeding monthly credit-enrollment goals and driving key performance results.

SUNY at Albany, *Orientation Leader*, Albany, NY   June 2025- August 2025

- With a team of 20 students, welcomed the entire population of new students to the UAlbany campus
- Remained aware during two weeks of training to learn about on-campus resources to relay onto the new class
- Had groups of 20-40 students daily, leading them around campus and to resources ensuring a positive transition into college life

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Closet Organization App, Albany, NY   Janurary 2025-May 2025

- Within a group of four, I led the creation of a website focusing on helping color blind individuals store and note the color of items in their closet. This website will also use AI to help pair different outfits using the items in their closet (HTML, JavaScript, CSS, and C++).

Virtual Reality Disaster Preparedness Project (PRO-ACTIVE), *Student Assistant*, Albany, NY   August 2024-May 2025

- Over two semesters, working with 10-15 students at a time, I researched and developed the overall style guide for the project.
- Focused on accessibility for ages 45+, focusing on interface design, colors, and poly count, and the effects of Virutal Realility on an older demographic
- Used Blender to create 3-D objects from scratch, including molding, coloring, and finishing, to be implemented within the project

SKILLS

- *Computer Skills:* Excel, Research Techniques, Figma, Wireframing, WCAG guidelines, User Flows, GitHub, Adobe Creative Cloud (specifically Photoshop and Preimere Pro)
- *Language Skills:* HTML5, CSS, Java, SQL, PHP, Python