Skylar Walters

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Education

Madison High School, Salutatorian

2018-2022

Brown University: Sc.B. Computational Biology

2022-2026

- Courses: Phage Hunters (A, BIOL 0190); Data Structures and Algorithms (A, CSCI 0200); Computer Science: an Integrated Introduction (A, CSCI 0170); Organic Chemistry (A, CHEM 0350); Equilibrium, Rate, and Structure (A, CHEM 0330); Linear Algebra (In Progress, MATH 0520)
- Organizations: Brown Outing Club (Leader), Blind@Brown, Computational Biology Department Undergraduate Group, Brown Outdoor Leadership Training (BOLT)

Research Experience

Bacterial Ecology and Computation Research Intern

Harding Township, NJ

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

May-August 2023

- Conducts field ecological surveys in Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge centered around microbiology and bacterial diversity
- Manages datasets from past 20+ years for watershed associations, models changes in bacterial and macroinvertebrate diversity

Machine Learning and Kidney Disease Research

Madison, NJ

Mentor: Dr. Minjoon Kouh, Drew University

July 2021

- Designed a python-based machine learning algorithm to predict when Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients will need Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT) as part of a selective research program run by State of New Jersey
- Paper published by Drew University

Work Experience

Brown University Computer Science Department

Providence, RI

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, CSCI 0170

Sept-Dec. 2023

- Conducts office hours and runs labs and workshops to assist students in Computer Science: an Integrated Introduction (CSCI0170) in understanding functional programming concepts and debugging code
- Designs and proofreads homework and assignments

GoBeyondLabs

New York City, NY

Lead Editor and Science Writer

2020-Present

- Scriptwriter for documentaries and podcasts focused on interactions between science and society
- Writes and applies to grants and awards, contributed \$25,000+ in grant earnings and production deal with SiriusXM
- Mentors team of 5 interns in scientific research, writing, editing, and ethical journalism

Interesting Engineering

Remote

Science Writer

2021-2022

• Published articles weekly focusing on computer science and biology topics, over 40k reads on popular pieces

Awards and Honors

United States Presidential Scholar, U.S. Department of Education

May 2022

Coca Cola Scholarship Recipient, Coca Cola Scholars Foundation

May 2022

National Merit Scholar

May 2022

NJ Governor's School in the Sciences Alum

January 2021

Coding Languages

Java | Python | ReasonML | Racket