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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

• B.S in Statistics and Machine Learning, Minor in Business Analytics and Optimization Expected May 2026 | GPA: 3.62/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Intro to Causal Inference, Statistical Computing, Statistical Graphs and Visualizations

Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA

• Aug 2019 – Jun 2023 | GPA: 4.8/5.0

Awards: National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar with Distinction, Community Service Award (3x)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University – Infant Language Learning Lab

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) | Pittsburgh, PA | May 2024 – Aug 2024

- Conducted independent research on pediatric attention and brain activity using fNIRS technology
- Applied PCA to identify patterns of activation across brain regions; prepared preliminary findings for upcoming conference presentation

Research Assistant | Aug 2024 – Present

- Designed puzzle-based tasks to assess children's use of feedback and self-confidence in problem solving
- Ran in-lab study sessions with child participants; contributed to materials development and experimental design

Carnegie Mellon University - Pre-College Programs

Resident Assistant | Pittsburgh, PA | Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

- Mentored 20+ high school students in a residential summer program, supporting academic and personal growth.
- Planned and led educational and community-building events in collaboration with staff.

Leonard Gelfand Center for Service Learning and Outreach

Teaching Assistant | Pittsburgh, PA | Jun 2024 – Jul 2024

- Supported science summer camps for students ages 5–14, facilitating lessons in neuroscience, coding, and engineering.
- Designed hands-on learning activities and communicated student progress to parents

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

Allegheny County Health Department & CMU Statistics Department

Research Analyst (Academic Collaboration) | Aug 2024 – Dec 2024

- Modeled Hepatitis C case trends and forecasted future rates using time series techniques.
- Conducted geospatial analysis in R to map access to ERs, opioid treatment centers, and health clinics
- Collaborated with health officials and statisticians to improve healthcare resource planning.

CMU Racing Team – Driver Data Analysis

Data Analyst | Aug 2023 – Present

- Developed Python scripts to visualize telemetry and GPS data from competition vehicles
- Created heatmaps to support driver training and car tuning decisions.
- Contributed to technical reports summarizing performance insights

BikePGH - Students Using Data for Social Good

GIS and Data Volunteer | Aug 2023 – May 2024

- Used ArcGIS to evaluate Pittsburgh bike lane networks and identify infrastructure gaps.
- Supported BikePGH's advocacy by creating visualizations and map overlays of cyclist patterns.

SKILLS

Technical: Advanced Python, R & C; Beginner SQL & ArcGIS, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word **Professional Strengths:** science communication, mentoring, interdisciplinary collaboration **Languages:** Fluent in English and Tamil; Intermediate Spanish