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## **EDUCATION:** Washington College (August 2020 - May 2023) (Early graduation)

B.S. in Physics, Math | GPA: 4.00 |

Fellow, John S. Toll Science and Mathematics Program

Chapter President, Society of Physics Students

Pi Mu Epsilon | Cater Society of Junior Fellows

Merit Scholar + beneficiary of the G.E. Chairman's Scholarship, Hodson Trust Scholarship.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

### **Exploring Dark Matter Interactions w. SM Particles | Washington College**

**March 2022-Present**

Working with Dr. Digesh Raut to explore properties of dark matter and its interactions with standard model particles using the Boltzmann Equation (student-initiated project).

- Using Mathematica to model dark matter interactions with standard model particles.
- Studying relevant literature and particle physics + cosmology research to understand parameters that explain the current abundance of dark matter in the universe.
- Successfully applied for + won competitive grants awarded by Cater Society of Junior Fellows and John S. Toll Fellows Program.
- The outcome of this project will form the basis of my senior year thesis.

### **US-CMS Research Intern | Fermilab**

**May-August 2022**

Working with Nick Smith and Oksana Shadura to convert outdated CMS OpenData MiniAOD data to 2016 NanoAOD data. The newer data type reduces file size + makes .root file easier to understand+process.

- Using ROOT, C++ and Python to efficiently convert data for efficient storage and faster+easier processing.
- Debugging and modifying conversion modules to output files that are more accessible to students/hobbyists working on CMS OpenData.
- Comparing behaviour of both files with Coffea-Casa+trying to identify sources of error.

### **Modelling Top-Quark Background for LHC Di-Higgs Search | Washington College**

**May-July 2021**

Worked under CERN physicist Dr. Suyog Shrestha as a Washington College John S. Toll Fellow and student contributor to the ATLAS Project @ CERN.

- Assisted Dr. Shrestha with his research on simulating Di-Higgs background signals.
- Ran computer simulations using ROOT and C++ and Higgs Boson data from LHC at CERN, Geneva.
- Plotted and analysed given data using statistical methods using ROOT and C++ on Linux systems.
- Studied Higgs properties, particle interactions and additional mathematical+scientific theory for analysis.

## **TUTORING:**

### **Hollingsworth Fund Physics + Math tutor | Washington College**

**October 2021-Present**

- Senior Hollingsworth tutor for math and physics @ Washington College's Quantitative Skills Centre.
- Led doubt and concept clarification for 20+ college students.
- Helped improve physics+math college test performance for tutored students by upto 3 letter grades.

## **SKILLS/COURSEWORK:**

**Physics :** Thermodynamics and Stat. Mechanics (in progress), Quantum Mechanics, Classical Mechanics, Modern Physics, General Physics (calculus-based), Scientific Modelling and Data Analysis (computer-based modelling and computation of physical problems using Python).

**Programming :** Mathematica, Python+Machine learning with Python, C++, ROOT, Linux, Bash/Shell, SageMath, LaTeX, HTML+CSS.

**Mathematics :** Real Analysis (in progress), Statistics, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus. Experience with modelling and analysing mathematical situations using Python.

## **OUTREACH:**

### **Science Education among Public School Students | Curiouscity Bengaluru**

**July 2022-Present**

- Working with the nonprofit Curiouscity to improve science education+curiosity among public school students in Bengaluru.
- Designed simple, thought provoking, cost-effective experiments that can be repeated by students at home.
- Researched and designed science posters and articles to help students grasp concepts and become curious about science.

### **Curriculum Design | Washington College**

**May 2022-August 2022**

- Ideated student-delivered physics+math course to help bridge gaps in teaching intro-level STEM courses.
  - Helps students with weak high school math adjust better to intro-level college courses and helps instructors save time by eliminating the need to repeat high school math in a college classroom.
  - Coordinating with Physics and Math faculty+students to understand pain points on both sides.
  - Working to design a short course covering algebra, trigonometry and systems of linear equations concepts.
  - Course designed to be delivered by student tutors @ Washington College's Quantitative skills centre.
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