Tai Kao-Sowa

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EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA

BS Candidate in Bioelectrical Engineering Expected Graduation: June 2020

GPA: 3.96

Relevant Coursework: Computer Organization and Systems, Circuit Analysis

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Alexandria, VA

USA Biology Olympiad Semifinalist, National Merit Semifinalist September 2012-June 2016

GPA: 4.45

Relevant Coursework: DNA Science, Neurobiology, Organic Chemistry, Analog Electronics, Multi/Linear

EXPERIENCE

Stanford Integrated Biomedical Systems Lab

Stanford, CA

REU Intern

Summer 2017

- Investigated electrical stimulation of hippocampal engram circuit neurons as a potential for memory recovery and reconsolidation in amnesic mice. Cadence simulation for antenna power harvesting.
- Worked under Yi Liu in Dr. Ada Poon's lab.

TJHSST Biotechnology Lab

Alexandria, VA

Original Researcher

September 2015 – June 2016

- Investigated the effect of Ara h2 peanut allergen on PHA-induced canine dendritic cells as a possible pathway to atopic dermatitis via errant activation.
- Conducting original research with Hasan Ahmad under Dr. Cobb.

Georgetown AVRIC Lab

Georgetown, DC

Original Researcher

Summer 2015

- Investigated the effect of folic acid on Treg cell induction in vitro as a possible natural treatment for autoimmune disease.
- Conducting original research sponsored by Dr. Bellanti under Georgetown's department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Georgetown AVRIC Lab

Georgetown, DC

Research Assistant

Summer 2014

• Interned in Dr. Joseph Bellanti's lab investigating the development and clinical application of interferon gamma release assays (IGRAs) on Tuberculosis.

SERVICE

Lung Chuan Fa Kung-Fu

McLean, VA

Instructor, Third Degree Black Belt

March 2015 – August 2016

- Taught various classes of students of all skill levels and ages.
- Developed lesson plans, overall training goals, assisted in demonstrations.
- Taught self-defense at Stanford SPLASH program in 2016

TJHSST Medical Society

Alexandra, VA

Co-President

September 2015 – August 2016

- Created lectures, lesson plans, and dissection activities for club of 50+ members.
- Worked with team of 6 people to manage administrative duties and develop club culture.

SKILLS

- Java, Python, C++, ARM Assembly, C, MATLAB/Julia, Arduino Programming, Cadence & Spectre
- Flow cytometry, Buffy coat purification, qPCR, Western/Southern Blotting, DNA computational analysis
- Electrophysiology & Aplysia californica dissection

ACTIVITIES

- Worked with team to build interactive linear algebra calculator iOS app at Stanford Treehacks 2017 using Swift
- Stanford Student Space Initiative
- Stanford Robotics Club (worked on microcontroller programming & CAD design)
- Stanford Club Swim Team
- Stanford Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (responsible for club outreach)
- 2012-2016 Varsity High School Tennis
- 2012-2016 Varsity High School Swim