Taylor Sharperson

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EDUCATION

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL   Expected Graduation: May 2026
Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems   GPA: 3.50
Relevant Coursework: Network Security, Web Programming and Design, Intro to Object-Oriented Programming, and Database Management (in progress)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

C++ (proficient), Javascript (intermediate), HTML (intermediate), and CSS (intermediate)

PROJECTS

Minority Serving-Cyberinfrastructure Consortium and Internet2 Hackathon
- Teamed with four individuals from other HBCUs to compete in a hackathon and enhanced leadership and collaborative skills.
- Generated an algorithm using Python to determine rates of infection due to COVID-19.
- Designed a PowerPoint slide to accompany the code and presented to professionals from MS-CC and Internet2.

Web Programming and Design
- Developed a portfolio website over five months, using HTML and CSS, in order to show talents and abilities.
- Utilized HTML and CSS style rules to add interactivity and professionalism to the website.
- Created five pages (a home page, my HBCU life, community service, coding projects, and contact page).
- Enhanced time management skills by setting weekly project deadlines.

EXPERIENCE

Amazon Web Services Case Competition   **Mar 2024**
- Proposed a scalable solution for accelerated AV/ADAS development using AWS services.
- Developed strong leadership skills as team captain by communicating updates on project progress, milestones, and tasks with all members.
- Crafted a concise go-to-market strategy emphasizing the integration of AWS services, demonstrating strategic excellence and receiving first place.

HBCU Battle of the Brains Participant   **Mar 2024**
- Collaborated with a team of 7 individuals to develop and implement an effective strategy to boost engagement on the NFL+ App.
- Developed an interactive points system within the NFL+ app, where users redeem points for exclusive NFL merchandise, enhancing user retention.
- Received networking opportunities with top companies, including eBay and Dell Technologies,

LEADERSHIP

Management Leadership for Tomorrow   **Jan 2024 – Present**
Career Prep Fellow
- Accepted into a selective 18-month professional development program for high-achieving, diverse talent.
- Completed business case studies and assignments to grow leadership and technical skills
- Attend conferences hosted by industry leaders such as Deloitte, LinkedIn, and Target.

Black Venture Capital Consortium   **Jul 2023-Present**
Software Engineering Lead
- Responsible for orchestrating monthly mixers and weekly meetings to foster team collaboration and communication.
- Leading and managing a cohort of 20 individuals, providing guidance, support, and mentorship to ensure project success and professional development.