

# Travis Gottwaldt

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## Summary

I am focused on pursuing a SOC Analyst position, I've developed practical experience through the labs on letsdefend and tryhackme, where I utilized SIEM tools to investigate alerts using log management and perform endpoint detection and response. These labs gave me experience in analyzing cases, identifying malicious activities, and implementing security measures to mitigate risks. I competed in the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition for 2 years as a firewall administrator on Palo Alto firewalls, achieving 3rd place in the state in 2023 and 1st place in 2024, we moved on to the regionals in Chicago to compete against all the first place teams from each state. As a firewall administrator, I gained practical experience in implementing port/application-based security policies to protect against potential threats. Competing at a high level required effective collaboration with my team, quick and strategic thinking to address real-time security threats, and efficient use of time to ensure tasks were completed.

## Skills

- Firewall Administration
- Palo Alto
- PfSense
- SIEM (Security Information and Event Management)
- Log Management
- Endpoint Detection and Response
- Virtual Box
- Linux
- Wireshark
- Python
- HTML & CSS
- Active Directory

## Certifications

- CompTIA A+

## Honors and Awards

- 2024 Midwest Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition - 5th Place
- 2024 Minnesota Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition - 1st Place
- 2023 Minnesota Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition - 3rd Place
- Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

## **Work Experience**

### *Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition*

Firewall Administrator

*November 2022 to March 2024*

- Responsible for firewall configuration with multiple subnets.
- Implemented port/application-based security policies.
- Identify configurations that should not be there and fix or remove them.
- Monitored traffic logs for suspicious activity.
- Documented firewall configurations, policies, and procedures.

### *Federal Cartridge*

Mechanical Adjuster

*September 2020 to March 2021*

- Documented any maintenance requirements on machines throughout the department.
- Set up packing machines for shotgun shells.
- Tracked deadlines for each job and planned work orders accordingly.
- Conducted final inspections of shotgun shells before shipment.

## **Education**

### *A.A.S in Cyber Security*

Pine Technical and Community College, Pine City MN August 2022 – May 2024

### *CNC Machinist Diploma*

Anoka Technical College, Anoka MN January 2016 - January 2017