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EDUCATION

Masters of Science in Health Data Science
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

August 2020 - December 2021

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Minor in Applied Mathematics
Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. GPA : 3.5

August 2017 - May 2020

SKILLS

Technical Skills Python, SQL, RStudio, Excel, Tableau, Bloomberg Terminal, PitchBook, DealCloud, L^AT_EX.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Private Equity Origination Intern, The Riverside Company

June 2021 - September 2021

Sourcing private investment opportunities through a data-driven algorithmic approach. Conducting macro research on industry trends within seven verticals ranging from software to healthcare. Writing 4-5 memos weekly on high conviction investment opportunities and meeting with business owners to sell Riverside's value-add.

Quantitative Research Intern, AQIS LLC

August 2020 - December 2020

AQIS is a quantitative hedge fund based in Rowayton, CT that focuses on factor investing in the U.S. markets. I worked on optimizing their current systematic models to create portfolios that rebalance weekly.

Quantitative Analyst Intern, Boyd Watterson Asset Management

May 2020 - August 2020

Building mathematical models to identify profitable long/short signals for fixed income securities, analyzing and rebalancing model weights monthly, and presenting to management.

Research Assistant, Carnegie-Mellon University

May 2019 - August 2019

Helped world renowned professor, Jim Herbsleb, in the School of Computer Science mine, clean, and model data using machine learning techniques. Our research aims to find key variables in open source software ecosystems that increase the probability of a software startup succeeding after inception.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

August 2018 - May 2020

Assisted a total of 27 credits (7 classes). Served five introductory level probability & statistics, one calculus based probability & statistics, and one business calculus course.

Mathematics Tutor

April 2018 - May 2020

Helped students by taking complicated topics and finding ways to break them down in a way that makes the most sense to the student. End goal is to foster independent learning.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Student Body President

March 2019 - May 2020

Campaigned and elected by undergraduate student body of Kent State University. Worked with higher administration to scale up free menstrual products project. Helped develop survey to gather both quantitative and qualitative data on menstruation. The data was analyzed and presented in pitch-book form to higher administration to secure project funding. Created an app to track closest dispensers. Was recognized in Wall Street Journal. Lead team of 25 directors/senators and had to public speak in front of multiple thousands of students, faculty, and parents regularly.

Director of Business & Finance

March 2018 - March 2019

Campaigned and elected by the undergraduate student body of Kent State University. Handled a 7 figure budget used for events for the student body, as well as, funding students to go to conferences. Created UI and database to store allocation applications digitally, opposed to previous paper method.