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# Education

### University of Maryland College Park — College Park, MD

Expected May 2026

Bachelor of Science, Immersive Media Design & Information Science (GPA: 3.49)

★ Relevant Coursework: Object Oriented Prog. I/II, Computer Systems, Organization of Computer Languages, Algorithms, Introduction to Web Design, Computational Media and Virtual Reality, Design Processes

## CodePath Full Stack Development Course — San Francisco, CA (Remote)

November 2024

★ Relevant Skills: React, Data Visualization, Conditional Rendering, UI/UX Design

# Experience

# BreakThrough Tech, Lead Program Assistant — College Park, MD

February 2023 - Present

- ★ Drive BTT and Iribe Diversity Initiative outreach efforts via content production and social media management
- ★ Lead computing and professional development workshops with an emphasis on technical development in Java, Javascript, and Python, collectively providing 600+ new undergrad students with valuable exposure to coding
- ★ Cultivate a welcoming tech community at UMD by hosting networking opportunities, providing career advancement resources, advice, and fostering inter-student connections

#### Ticketmaster, Microflex Software Engineer Intern — Reston, VA

May 2023 - August 2023

- ★ Restructured a Microflex database monitoring tool for cross-device compatibility in TypeScript using responsive design principles, enhancing usability for engineers working in hybrid environments
- ★ Utilized Grafana to visualize database metrics from PromQL queries for client reference of 400+ databases
- ★ Implemented a functioning Slackbot prototype to automate database troubleshooting procedures for developers

# **Projects**

PartyPrep (https://partyprep-gc2l.onrender.com/) — Node, Express.js, MongoDB, Spotify API

- ★ Built a website using Node.js/Express that enables users to build playlists through a swipe interface, integrating Spotify's API for song discovery and metadata retrieval
- ★ Implemented a user authentication system using MongoDB database schema to manage user playlists and data
- ★ Designed an interface with high-contrast design, visual hierarchy, and intuitive layout for optimal user accessibility and ease of usage

BTT Site Automation (https://github.com/valerieYen/btt-site-automations) — HTML, CSS, Javascript, Sheety API

- ★ Created an embed for Breakthrough Tech's 2025 Career Launch website to automate creation of student display card to decrease manual labor
- ★ Wrote documentation to clearly define implementation steps for future employees to ensure ease of use
- ★ Utilized Sheety API to read student information in from Google Sheets into a JSON that can be processed to generate display cards through DOM manipulation

# Palettones — Unity, C#

- ★ Engineered an audio-reactive 3D visualizer using Unity's Particle System and Keijirō Takahashi's LASP plugin to create interactive soundscapes
- ★ Mapped frequency band analysis (low, mid, and high pass filters) directly to RGB color values for adaptive visuals
- ★ Integrated sophisticated lighting mechanics via Universal Render Pipeline (URP) configurations to achieve retro synthesizer aesthetics inspired by vintage Apple products

# Extracurriculars/Community Involvement

### Kappa Theta Pi, Professional Development Director — College Park, MD

May 2023 - Current

- ★ Organize personal website workshops, resume reviews, and industry networking for 80+ active members
- ★ Coordinate with recruiters from Ticketmaster, Accenture, and Deloitte to plan networking opportunities

### Technical Skills

Languages/Frameworks: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, Express.js, TypeScript, Java, Python, C#, C Applications/DevTools: VSCode, Git/Github, Gitlab, Vite, Unity, MongoDB, Supabase, Render, Adobe Suite