# Vivek Rao

## **Education & Honors**

#### Indiana University, Bloomington

August 2017–May 2021 Bachelor of Science in Finance, Business Analytics

GPA: 3.90/4.00

## Honors:

Global Engagement Scholarship Beverly Rice Scholarship

#### **Awards**

## Region 5 Mark of Excellence:

First place — Data Visualization

#### Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Award:

First, third place — Interactive graphic

#### **Associated Collegiate Press:**

Honorable Mention — Interactive Graphic (Multimedia Story of the Year), First place — Social Justice Reporting

#### Society of Professional Journalists:

Honorable Mention — College Coronavirus Coverage

#### **Skills**

#### Web Development

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, D3.js, Bootstrap, ai2html, Mapbox

#### **Data Analysis**

Python, R, PostgreSQL, STATA, Tableau, Microsoft Power BI, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Excel

## Additional

Web scraping, Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Access, APIs, process automation, Google Analytics



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## Experience

#### **Indiana Daily Student** — Bloomington, IN

November 2017 - present

Web Redesign Manager (March 2020 - October 2020)

- Led a team of designers to redesign website with a focus on user experience, responsive layouts and advertising revenues
- Coordinated with editorial, advertising staff and CMS vendor
- Demoed website to newsroom and integrated feedback in final build

Managing Editor for Digital (January 2020 - present)

- Used Google Analytics and parse.ly to reduce bounce rate by coordinating audience engagement and social media teams
- Oversaw a 20% increase in web traffic to more than 2,250,000 pageviews for the spring semester the second highest in eight years
- Updated, <u>automated</u> Indiana's <u>first coronavirus tracker</u>, becoming the most read story from the spring semester

Digital Editor (May 2020 - October 2020)

- · Work with reporters to create custom interactives for feature stories
- · Update website daily based on web and social media traffic
- Make recommendations for SEO best practices

## **Arnolt Center** – Bloomington, IN

September 2019 - present

Investigative Reporter

- Collaborated on a team to help create the country's <u>first county-by-county</u> <u>coronavirus tracker</u> generating more than 340,000 hits
- Cleaned daily coronavirus data for U.S. states and metropolitan areas and created <u>heatmaps</u> using Matplotlib
- Designed graphics with satellite images highlighting eroding shoreline

#### Eli Lilly & Company — Indianapolis, IN

June 2020 – July 2020

Data & Analytics Intern

- Developed user-friendly apps and databases using Microsoft Power Apps to streamline data collection and storage
- Created Microsoft Power BI reports to visualize vendor issue status

## CarAdvise, LLC. - Chicago, IL

June 2019 - August 2019

Operations Data Analyst

- Improved process of invoice reconciliation by developing Python PDF scrapers that automate manual data entry saved hundreds of manhours annually
- Queried company datasets using PostgreSQL to answer operational and financial questions posed by senior management
- Analyzed, audited company pricing policies using Tableau

## Data-driven projects

- Determined optimal time to do laundry on campus, created graphics and web scraper to visualize and collect data
- · Led a project analyzing faculty salaries, created interactive graphics to visualize data
- · Investigated, visualized utilities usage across campus buildings discovering water wastage of millions of gallons
- Analyzed Spring 2020 grade distribution to find insights, patterns around new S grade; designed and developed web layout
- Using Python's Natural Language Processing NLTK library to analyze IU President McRobbie's speeches and statements

#### **Interests**

The Beach Boys | Biking | Ferris Bueller's Day Off | Painting | Peanuts