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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE VA
B.A. COMPUTER SCIENCE

Expected Graduation: May 2021

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Software Dev., Program and Data Representation, Algorithms, Programming Lang's for Web Dev., Machine Learning, Applied Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Software Testing

Awards: Dean's list: Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019; Bronze Service Scholar 2018

SKILLS

- **PROFICIENT IN:** Python, Java, C#, C++, Javascript, Django, HTML, CSS, React.js, PHP
- **EXPERIENCE WITH:** AWS, Git

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN | CAPITAL ONE

June 2020 – Aug 2020

- Built an AWS pipeline in Python that converts documents from image to text in bulk using lambdas, SQS's, and external APIs, which provides ~\$1M in cost avoidance when used to enrich 6M documents before April 2021
- Updates the enriched documents to be easily searchable on any integrated site, yielding a potential \$600k employee productivity gain

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – RIGGS LAB | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Jan 2020 – May 2020

- Developed a C# application that manipulates the motion of vibration devices worn on participants' arms and presents a GUI for participants to interact with
- Collected and exported participants' responses from the program for further evaluation

TEACHING ASSISTANT – SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT METHODS | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Jan 2019 – May 2020

- Tutored students to simplify challenging homework and reinforce the following concepts: object-oriented programming, unit testing, data structures, inheritance, polymorphism, abstraction, encapsulation, recursion, and time-complexity
- Improved curriculum development by writing relevant exam questions and finalizing homework assignments

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM MANAGER & SOFTWARE DEVELOPER | VA TEXT | <http://va-text.herokuapp.com/>

Jan 2020 – Present

- Developed the core functionalities of buy-sell textbook platform for UVA students in Django as a part of a class project
- Conducted interviews with stakeholders to evaluate user needs, organized a product backlog to prioritize functionalities, and drafted wireframes using Figma, a design tool, to build a fluid interface
- Most recently led our campus-wide expansion plan by successfully attaining \$1,000 in grant funding, recruiting talent, onboarding the growing the team, and forming an official CIO for access to resources

PROJECT LEAD – CAVS IN THE CLASSROOM SCHEDULER | UVA CS FOR SOCIAL GOOD

Sept 2019 – Dec 2019

- Communicated with CITC's Head Program Director to assess their needs from a volunteer-scheduler program
- Led the engineering team using agile methodology through sprints to maintain efficiency and flexibility on the project
- Built an algorithm in Java to automate scheduling by choosing the best matched-set over ~1,000 permutations in seconds
- Reduced the time it takes for CitC to match by 1.5 hours with a 75% matching rate