

# MAX ROMER

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## Education

<b>Stanford University</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Symbolic Systems</i>	<i>Stanford, CA</i> <i>Expected June 2029</i>
• Coursework: CS 106A (Programming Methodology), PHIL 100 (Classical Philosophy), SYMSYS 1 (Minds and Machines)	

<b>Waterford School</b> <i>High School Diploma</i>	<i>Sandy, UT</i> <i>Graduated June 2025</i>
• Awards: National Merit Scholar Finalist, Karen Mizell Award for Civility and Constructive Dialogue, Boys State Trustee Scholar Award	

## Experience

<b>OpenMeal</b> <i>Designer &amp; Developer</i>	<i>Park City, UT</i> <i>June 2025 – August 2025</i>
• Developed AI-powered meal tracking app for Android and iOS using Expo React Native and Google Gemini API <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Designed intuitive interface with attention to typography, icon scaling, contrast ratios, and modal animations</li><li>– Engineered privacy-first architecture enabling unlimited users with zero telemetry through user-managed API keys</li><li>– Utilized Cursor, Claude Code, Git/GitHub, VSCode, Expo EAS, and Terminal for development workflow</li><li>– Published open-source project at <a href="https://maximilianromer.github.io/OpenMeal">maximilianromer.github.io/OpenMeal</a> with comprehensive documentation and examples</li></ul>	
<b>Waterford School</b> <i>Product Designer, AI in College Admissions Independent Study</i>	<i>Sandy, UT</i> <i>August 2024 – June 2025</i>
• Built College Wayfarer, an AI-powered web application guiding students through college admissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Implemented chat interface, Kanban board for application planning, and sophisticated memory system</li><li>– Deployed at <a href="https://collegewayfarer.replit.app">collegewayfarer.replit.app</a> with sharing features for peer collaboration</li><li>– Created Custom GPT chatbot actively used by Waterford students on the ChatGPT platform</li><li>– Conducted market research through consultations with counselors, administrators, teachers, and students</li></ul>	
<i>Student Representative, Working Group on Artificial Intelligence</i>	<i>October 2023 – June 2025</i>
• Collaborated with administrators and teachers to establish AI policy for K-12 education environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Designed communications and guidance as generative AI adoption grew exponentially in educational settings</li></ul>	
<b>Young Men's Service League (YMSL)</b> <i>Vice President</i>	<i>Park City, UT</i> <i>May 2024 – June 2025</i>
• Led team meetings and coordinated service work at local nonprofits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Organized volunteer activities at Park City Swaner Nature Preserve, Recycle Utah, Park City Community Gardens, and Park City Library</li><li>– Previously served as Philanthropy Chairperson (August 2023 – April 2024), informing members of service opportunities</li></ul>	

## Technical Skills

- AI & Machine Learning:** Google Gemini API, Anthropic API, Prompt Engineering, LLM Integration, AI Ethics & Safety, Self-Hosting with Ollama and LM Studio
- Tools & Frameworks:** Notion, Git/GitHub, Cursor, Claude Code, VSCode, Expo, React & React Native, Vercel, Replit
- Platforms & Daily Use:** Android and iOS, macOS and Windows, X.com, Tor, Microsoft Word, WireGuard VPNs, Raycast

## Projects & Interests

- **Ethics & Moral Philosophy:** Competed in high school ethics competitions, examining philosophical and practical ethical dilemmas
- **AI Alignment Research:** Long-standing interest in AI safety, alignment, and ethics since 2019
- **Extracurriculars:** Hiking, rowing, PC building

## **Additional Training**

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<b>Harvard Undergraduate Ventures-TECH Summer Program (HUVTSP)</b>	<i>Online</i>
<i>Internship at the Amplify Institute</i>	<i>July 2025 – August 2025</i>
<b>The School of The New York Times</b>	<i>In-Person</i>
<i>Writing on Tech: Reporting on Innovation</i>	<i>July 2024 – August 2024</i>