

MAX ROMER

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Education

Stanford University

Bachelor of Science in Symbolic Systems

Stanford, CA

Expected June 2029

- Coursework: CS 106A (Programming Methodology), PHIL 100 (Classical Philosophy), SYMSYS 1 (Minds and Machines)

Waterford School

High School Diploma

Sandy, UT

Graduated June 2025

- Awards: National Merit Scholar Finalist, Karen Mizell Award for Civility and Constructive Dialogue, Boys State Trustee Scholar Award

Experience

OpenMeal

Designer & Developer

Park City, UT

June 2025 – August 2025

- Developed AI-powered meal tracking app for Android and iOS using Expo React Native and Google Gemini API
 - Designed intuitive interface with attention to typography, icon scaling, contrast ratios, and modal animations
 - Engineered privacy-first architecture enabling unlimited users with zero telemetry through user-managed API keys
 - Utilized Cursor, Claude Code, Git/GitHub, VSCode, Expo EAS, and Terminal for development workflow
 - Published open-source project at maximilianromer.github.io/OpenMeal with comprehensive documentation and examples

Waterford School

Product Designer, AI in College Admissions Independent Study

Sandy, UT

August 2024 – June 2025

- Built College Wayfarer, an AI-powered web application guiding students through college admissions
 - Implemented chat interface, Kanban board for application planning, and sophisticated memory system
 - Deployed at collegewayfarer.replit.app with sharing features for peer collaboration
 - Created Custom GPT chatbot actively used by Waterford students on the ChatGPT platform
 - Conducted market research through consultations with counselors, administrators, teachers, and students

Student Representative, Working Group on Artificial Intelligence

October 2023 – June 2025

- Collaborated with administrators and teachers to establish AI policy for K-12 education environment
 - Designed communications and guidance as generative AI adoption grew exponentially in educational settings

Young Men's Service League (YMSL)

Vice President

Park City, UT

May 2024 – June 2025

- Led team meetings and coordinated service work at local nonprofits
 - Organized volunteer activities at Park City Swaner Nature Preserve, Recycle Utah, Park City Community Gardens, and Park City Library
 - Previously served as Philanthropy Chairperson (August 2023 – April 2024), informing members of service opportunities

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

Harvard Undergraduate Ventures-TECH Summer Program (HUVTSP)
Internship at the Amplify Institute
The School of The New York Times
Writing on Tech: Reporting on Innovation

Online
July 2025 – August 2025
In-Person
July 2024 – August 2024