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## EDUCATION

### Rutgers University Honors College, School of Arts and Sciences

New Brunswick, NJ

Anticipated May 2028

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Math

– **GPA:** 3.97/4.0 | **SAT:** 1580

- **Relevant Coursework:** Tensor Networks, Systems Programming, Algorithms, Data Structures, Statistics I, Honors Calculus III & IV, Intro to Math Reasoning, Math Theory of Probability, Computer Architecture.
- **Academic Programs & Research:** Directed Research Reading Program on Symmetric Functions (representation theory for combinatorial optimization); Physics Learning Theory Seminar (statistical mechanics in high-dimensional learning).
- **Activities:** Quantitative Finance Club, Road to Silicon Valley Program (Cohort 6), ESL Instructor, Basketball.

## ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

### Scarlet Sync

New Brunswick, NJ

Jan 2025 – Present

Founder

- Created a modern Rutgers class scheduling app with thousands of users for degree planning and notifications, utilizing AI-assisted parsing of unstructured data from legacy university services.
- Architected a robust data ingestion pipeline using Python and LLMs to reverse-engineer legacy data, indexing over 2,500 classes and 500+ degree programs for real-time querying.
- Negotiating enterprise deal with Rutgers IT to replace outdated systems with AI-enhanced tools.

### Lykke

Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2025 – Present

Software Engineer

- Helping design and expand a multi-model AI pipeline to ingest, parse, and structure high-velocity, multi-modal data (texts, voice memos, docs) for a conversational RAG-based and agentic chat application.
- Engineered a fully local, browser-based RAG system by implementing a local embedding model optimized with WebGPU for client-side hardware acceleration, ensuring high performance and privacy.
- Architecting the integration of Canvas LMS to build a rich, domain-specific knowledge graph, enhancing AI reasoning and significantly reducing hallucinations in structured outputs for students.

### Samaritan Scout

Cranford, NJ

May 2023 – Aug 2025

Full Stack Engineer

- Developed an agentic scraping system leveraging OpenAI and Gemini structured outputs to autonomously extract data from over 100,000 non-profit websites, reducing manual data entry time by over 90%.
- Developed a full-stack search engine using React, TypeScript, and PostgreSQL to index 35,000+ volunteer opportunities, implementing semantic search algorithms with hallucination filters to ensure accurate matching.

## AI/ML RESEARCH

### Rutgers Department of Computer Science

New Brunswick, NJ

Jan 2026 – Present

Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. Zhao Zhang)

- Exploring second-order optimizers (e.g., Shampoo) to accelerate convergence in large-scale ML training, with applications to efficient AI model optimization.
- Designing agentic systems for non-sequential code generation, focusing on decoupling reasoning from syntax to improve error correction and inference efficiency in LLMs for generating code from research papers.

### Algorithmic Robotics and Control Lab in Rutgers's Dept. of CS

New Brunswick, NJ

Jan 2026 – Present

Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. Jingjin Yu)

- Optimizing robot motion planning algorithms using CUDA for parallel computation in high-dimensional spaces, enabling scalable algorithmic pathfinding (pRRTc).
- Working with foundational vision language action models and their applications in robotics (NVIDIA GR00T).

### Rutgers Economics Labs

New Brunswick, NJ

Oct 2024 – Present

President (formerly Research Director, Team Lead)

- Leading quantitative research projects for partners including NJDOL, NJDEP, NJBPU, Federal HUD, U.S. Census Bureau; applied econometric models in Python/R to analyze large datasets and project economic trends.
- Previously led a team of five researchers to evaluate the efficacy of the Urban Enterprise Zone program for the NJDCA, utilizing econometric methods in R and Python to analyze complex census datasets.

## SELECTED TECHNICAL PROJECTS

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### **Local Coworker: Native macOS Computer-Use Agent** | *Swift, MCP, Gemini Vision* (private code)

- Built a native desktop agent capable of autonomous computer use by integrating Gemini Vision with macOS Accessibility APIs, AppleScript, and JXA.
- Implemented the Model Context Protocol (MCP) to orchestrate specialized sub-agents (UI Interaction, Shell, App Research) for planning and executing complex multi-app workflows.
- Engineered a "Research Agent" that expands the system's capabilities by autonomously searching documentation to learn new automation patterns and add them to its skill library.

### **SLM Optimization & Post-Training (GSM8k)** | *PyTorch, HPC*

- Fine-tuned small language models (SLMs) on the GSM8k math reasoning dataset to see the effects of different model sizes and architectures on math reasoning capabilities.
- Deployed models on the Rutgers High Performance Computing (Amarel) cluster, utilizing quantization and structural pruning to maximize inference throughput on constrained compute.

## AWARDS & SKILLS

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**Awards:** 8090 AI Top Coder (5th), Rutgers Shark Tank (2nd and 3rd), ASA Fall Data Challenge (Top 3).

**Languages:** Python, C++, CUDA, Java, SQL, TypeScript, R, Bash, Git

**Technologies:** PyTorch, WebGPU, Transformers, Generative AI, Pandas, AWS, Scikit-learn, HPC Clusters