EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill | Senior

Business and Economics Major, Concentration in Entrepreneurship | May 2025

3.9 GPA; Dean's List (All Semesters); Division V Champions, Intercollegiate Chess League (Top board)

EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder, Co-CEO | EZVenues, Raleigh, NC

2024-Present

- Created a full-stack AirBnB-like marketplace for private event venue rentals.
- Beginning launch phase in Raleigh, NC, onboarded several restaurants/bars pre-consumer marketing.

Co-Founder, Co-CEO | CLIQInvite LLC, McLean, VA

2022-2024

- Founded and created private event and invite security and management mobile and web-based SaaS platform.
- Expanded user base to 15 schools within 3 months of App Store/Google Play store release to Acquihire offer.

Co-Founder, Co-CEO | Draughn & Alink, LLP, McLean, VA

2022-2023

Founded a web- and mobile-development contracting firm, completing 5 projects with 5 figures monthly revenue in 6 months.

Business Development Intern | Siemens Government Technologies, Reston, VA

2022-2024

- Summer 2022: Obtain competitor intelligence, including market approach, pricing patterns, and products, in order to create models and simulations analyzing potential government contract opportunities and the viability of new solutions.
- Fall 2022-2024: Lead opportunity development and capture for contracts for various federal agencies. Led internal AI/LLM initiative, selected for Siemens' Next47 Internal Startup Accelerator.

President | UNC Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chapel Hill, NC

2023-Present

Lead and manage UNC's oldest fraternity chapter of 60+ collegiate men and a \$200K+ annual budget.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

1st Place Overall | Kenan-Flagler Business Strategy Simulation

April 2024

Won first place in a business simulation with 70+ participants attempting to generate the highest profits within an industry.

1st Place @ UNC, Top 5 Winner Overall | Elon Microfinance Challenge 2022

April 2022

- Individually analyzed and condensed four years' worth of financial and survey-based data with Excel to assess the effectiveness of Seed Effect, a microfinance, non-profit charity company based in Africa.
- Presented my findings through a PowerPoint presentation to Seed Effect's Chief of Staff and Director of Programs, qualifying for the final round as the sole finalist from UNC and ultimately placing top five among teams from over 15 universities.

HONORS

- Guest lecturer at UNC's Startups and Venture Capital undergraduate course
- Featured on GrepBeat, a regional technological startup publication
- School-Nominated Presidential Scholar Candidate (36 ACT; 4.9 (4.0 unweighted) weighted GPA junior and senior year)
- 2nd place team, VA State High School Chess Championships 2020
- Official United States Federation Chess Player for World Chess Federation; 1765 rating (top 100 in VA)
- Winner, \$1000 prize, BringIt 2019 (state-wide talent show), for piano composition and performance
- Grand Prize Winner, Bland District and Regional Performing Arts competitions 2018-2020, for classical piano
- Grand Prize Winner, Kilmer's Got Talent (for piano composition & performance)

SKILLS

SEO | Javascript | Java | HTML/CSS | React | React Native | Next | Material UI | React Bootstrap | Tailwind CSS | Mobile optimization | Web/mobile design | Chakra UI | Redux | Canva

Backend

AWS | NodeJS | VTL | Git | Vercel | Stripe API | Custom APIs | Supabase | Cloud optimization

Non-development

Social media marketing | Sony Vegas Pro | MS Office Suite | Public speaking | Journalism | Piano | Chess | Weightlifting

In my free time (if I'm not coding), I enjoy hanging out with my friends, playing basketball, powerlifting, composing music, writing, and sharing experiences and stories with my family.

EXTRA EXPERIENCES

Marketing and Administration Intern and Instructor | Eye Level Learning, Vienna, VA

2022-2022

- Initiated and budgeted social media campaigns, managing the Facebook, website, Google Business page, and self-created Nextdoor account.
- Analyzed and presented the financial viability of ad-running to management, leading to increased advertisement.

Founder, Head Tutor | Draughn Tutoring Services, Great Falls, VA

2020-Present

- Founded regional organization offering discounted in-person tutoring for students—especially young children and youth with intellectual disabilities--in response to the educational divide caused by the pandemic.
- Develop curriculum and drills; teach mathematics, English, and critical thinking to over a dozen elementary, middle, and high school students four times weekly.

Freelance Musician | Macmillan Publishing, New York, NY | Trini Casa Editora, Madrid, Spain

2019-Present

• Composed and performed music featured in award-winning, bestselling audiobooks, Miracle Creek and El Juicio.

Founder, President, and Lead Pianist | Quarantine Music Busters, Great Falls, VA

2020-2021

- Founded volunteer organization in response to COVID-19 crisis and family death; signed a contract with the Fairfax County government to perform weekly shows for over 2500 people at senior centers and county-wide events.
- Designed and managed website, communicated with venues, booked and organized shows, recruited and managed 36 musicians, and balanced donations and expenses.