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EDUCATION

San José State University, *B.S. Computer Engineering*   Aug 2025 - May 2027

DeAnza and Foothill College, *GPA: 3.95 (3x Dean's List)*   Sep 2024 - May 2025
- Relevant Coursework: Advanced C++, Data Structures

Rutgers University, *Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.906 (2x Dean's List)*   Sep 2023 - May 2024
- Top 7% selected by the dean to join the Rutgers School of Engineering **Honors Academy**

EXPERIENCE

Palo Alto Networks, Santa Clara, CA
Part-time, R&D Software Engineering Intern, WildFire product   Aug 2025 - Present
- Expanding upon prior internship by supporting more model types, culminating in a **patent filing** for core methodology

Palo Alto Networks, Santa Clara, CA
R&D Software Engineering Intern, WildFire product   May 2025 - Aug 2025
- Engineered a production firewall feature for inline, real-time blocking of malicious AI models, achieving 100% detection coverage of malicious samples with zero false positives
- Architected data curation pipeline where the core LLM classifier (hosted on **Vertex AI**) achieved 100% precision and recall, enabling the creation of a high quality ground truth dataset managed with **GCP Cloud SQL** and **Cloud Storage**
- Developed and optimized the core detection algorithm for high-throughput, low-latency performance in resource constrained firewall environments, utilizing a **GCP VM** as a secure sandbox for all development and testing

Palo Alto Networks, Santa Clara, CA
R&D Software Engineering Intern, WildFire Product   May 2024 - Sep 2024
- Developed an advanced threat intelligence system, initially detecting 6 specific malware families, which has since become a **backbone tool for the team**
- Engineered a Python tool that processed millions of logs (hundreds per family) for malware fingerprinting via **ML clustering (TF-IDF, DBSCAN)** and association rule mining, cutting production rule creation time from days to minutes, and establishing a robust CI/CD pipeline with automated testing

VEX Robotics Competition (VEX IQ), Montgomery, NJ   Nov 2023 - May 2024
Founder and Head Mentor
- Founded and mentored two rookie robotics teams within the Vex Robotics Competition, guiding them to win **13 awards**, winning the **State Championships**, and qualifying for the **World Championship**
- Taught engineering design and hardware/software principles, fostering teamwork and enthusiasm

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, C++, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, MATLAB
Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, SciKit Learn, ThreeJS, Flask, TensorFlow, LangChain, React Native, Google GenAI SDK
Technologies: Git, Linux, Google Cloud Platform, Vertex AI, HuggingFace, Vector Databases, Docker

PROJECTS

Manara (2025) – *Flask, **Python, React, custom LangChain-like framework,** HuggingFace, **Google GenAI SDK***
Developed a RAG-based agentic search engine with a custom framework using NLP and vector embeddings to extract, cite, and synthesize verifiable insights from a fragmented corpus, mitigating hallucinations. Engineered a Python/Flask backend with a RESTful APIand client-server protocol to serve the AI agent to a React client

Wildfire Predictor **(2nd place at MontyHacks 2022) -** *Flutter, APIs, **Flask, Python, NumPy, Pandas***
Developed a ML app using a linear regression model to forecast wildfires with 95% accuracy. The app utilized realtime API data on humidity, temperature, and vegetation density to successfully predict California wildfires in 2022

Ghost Trainer **(1st place at WWPHacks 2023) -** *Flutter, OpenStreetMap, GPS, Catmull-Rom algorithm*
A fitness app that motivates individuals to enhance their health by generating their own virtual opponent

Verita Health (3rd place at MontyHacks 2021) - Flutter, Firebase
A centralized dashboard for all your health information, this app aggregates medical reports from any source and format, offering a comprehensive view of your health