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PROFILE

Programmer with experience in web design, Linux, and the cloud. Motivated student at The Ohio State University actively building skills through personal projects, certifications, and course work. Dependable team member with experience leading and contributing to group projects.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, 2026-Present

Lakota West High School, 2025–2026, GPA: 4.23

Sinclair Community College, 2025–2026, GPA: 4.00

- CIS 1111 Introduction to Problem Solving & Computer Programming: learned basic C++, including control flow, arrays, and working with files.
- CIS 2650 Ethical Hacker: learned ethical hacking and penetration testing in preparation for the Ethical Hacker Pro certification. The course covered a wide range of topics and included more than 50 labs.
- CIS 2510 Microsoft Windows Server Operating System: learned to configure, administer, and secure Windows Server OS, in preparation for the Hybrid Server Pro exam. The course covered Active Directory, Group Policy, virtualization, and integration with Azure cloud and included more than 70 labs.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Personal Website

Self-hosted my own static website made with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. This required setting up a virtual machine in Oracle Cloud, and configuring firewall rules to open only necessary ports. On the VM I set up Docker to run and automatically update the Apache web server. I purchased a domain name with Cloudflare, and secured the site with HTTPS.

VPN

Made a VPN that encapsulates the UDP traffic from Wireguard as fake TCP, bypassing firewalls and enabling private Internet access on restrictive guest Wi-Fi networks. I used Git as the version control tool for this project, published to GitHub, set up GitHub Actions to automatically publish new releases, collaborated with another student, and wrote clear documentation. The tool was written in Bash.

CERTIFICATIONS

GIAC Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies (2023)

GIAC Cloud Security Essentials (2024)

TestOut Ethical Hacker Pro (2026)

TestOut Hybrid Server Pro: Core (2026)

EXPERIENCE

National Cyber League Individual & Team Games — Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Our school earned 2nd place nationally in the National Cyber League challenge, a nationwide cybersecurity competition. Our team of 7 collaborated to solve 38 challenges covering topics like forensics, reconnaissance, networking, cryptography, and exploitation.

GoCyber CTF — November 6, 2025

Represented Lakota West in a local in-person capture-the-flag event. Contestants hacked into a simulated Windows system, using a directory traversal CVE to acquire RDP credentials, and then performing a privilege escalation attack. Our school finished second place.

CyberStart America — 2023-2024

Participated in the gamified cybersecurity program which consisted of solving various challenges to progress in the storyline, building cybersecurity, programming, and problem solving skills. I won scholarships for my two GIAC certifications through this program before it permanently closed in 2024.

SKILLS

- Experience with HTML/CSS/JS, Python, Bash, C++, Java
- Docker
- Proficient at the Linux command line
- Can collaborate with other team members with Git
- Can securely manage a cloud environment in AWS, Azure, and Oracle Cloud
- Proficient with operating systems including Windows, MacOS, and Ubuntu and Kali Linux
- Self-learner who can effectively read and understand technical documentation
- Can effectively use AI to assist with productivity and learning
- Leadership, collaboration, and public speaking experience