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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University

Master of Science in Quantitative Finance
Mays Business School

College Station, Texas

May 2026

Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00

Texas A&M University

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering
College of Engineering

College Station, Texas

May 2025

Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00

Honors: Craig and Galen Brown Engineering Honors, National Merit Finalist

Study Abroad: Quantum Dot Research at IIT Gandhinagar, India

Summer 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intuitive Surgical

Financial Analyst Intern, Global Services

Sunnyvale, California

May 2024–August 2024

- Created dashboards and data frameworks to automate close/forecast processes, saving analysts up to 4 hours per request
- Updated headcount forecasting procedures to reduce hiring costs by up to \$500,000 per year

AggieFab Nanofabrication/Semiconductor Facility

Machine Tech Assistant

College Station, Texas

January 2024– Present

- Became proficient in state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing/testing equipment, training new users and assisting with troubleshooting, machine repairs, and nanoscale production

India Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN)

Research Assistant

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

May 2023–August 2023

- Received publication in Nanoscale Advances as first author for review paper on red carbon quantum dots
- Composed, as second author, an article and experiments on novel red quantum dots for chemotherapy and bioimaging

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

CFA Investment Research Competition

Team Member

Dallas, Texas

December 2023– February 2024

- Created an investment report and proposal for a stock based on numerous valuation methods and equity research techniques
- Designed and presented slide deck at regional semifinals, winning third place in Texas out of 24 teams

Texas A&M University

Peer Teacher, ENGR 102/PHYS 216

College Station, Texas

August 2022– May 2023

- Led computer programming and physics mechanics lab for first year students, designed labs/quizzes/exams for over 500 students, held office hours and study sessions to promote retention of material

Texas A&M University

ECOS Coach

College Station, Texas

June 2022 – June 2023

- Organized year-round mentorship and leadership for incoming freshmen through academic events, socials, and career readiness events for 250 students

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Refinitiv, Bloomberg, Python, NumPy/SymPy/Pandas, Microsoft Office Suite, Digital Marketing, Tableau, SQL/Snowflake, Anaplan

Certifications & Training: Wall Street Prep Excel and PowerPoint, CFA Investment Foundations

Relevant Courses: Accounting/Financial Statement Analysis, Stochastic Calculus, Statistics, Programming/Data Analysis, Project Economic Analysis, Enterprise Basics, Economics

Activities: Global Medical Brigade Honduras, Annual Genome Editing Symposium Presenter, Aggie Climbing Community, MSF Boot Camp Case Study Winner, TAMU Goldman Sachs Case Study Finalist

Interests: Nanomedicine, Rock Climbing, Skateboarding, Digital Music Production, Global Cooking