James Xu

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EDUCATION

McGill University – Desautels Faculty of Management, Montreal, Canada 2020 - 2024
Bachelor of Commerce, Major Undeclared, CGPA: N/A
Awards: J. W. McConnell Entrance Scholarship

Vincent Massey Secondary School, Windsor, Canada 2016 - 2020
Ontario Secondary School Diploma
Scores: 98% Top 6 Average (Ranked top ~1%), 1560 SAT Score

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vincent Massey 60th Reunion, Windsor, Canada 2019 - 2020
Co-op Web Developer (Event canceled due to COVID-19)
- Led development and design of alumni reunion website with modern web frameworks (Vue.js, Node.js, MongoDB)
- Learned about payment processing best practices to create a web store for tickets and merchandise
- Managed communication with clients to provide timely progress updates and cost analysis

Torq Design, Windsor, Canada 2017 - 2018
Web Developer
- Led design and development of personal websites using modern web frameworks; integrated Strapi CMS for content management
- Optimized page performance to improve SEO and user experience; tested for cross-platform compatibility

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

MasseyHacks VI, Windsor, Canada 2019 - 2020
Co-Director
- Directed a team of 17 students to organize one of Canada's largest MLH high school hackathon with 200+ participants
- Secured $10,000+ event budget through corporate sponsors and government grants
- Determined and implemented new virtual event model in response to COVID-19 with success (42% more project submissions)

CodeReach, Windsor, Canada 2018 - 2019
Volunteer Instructor
- Volunteered 2 hours per week to teach 30 elementary school students programming in a class setting
- Designed a Python-based programming curriculum targeted towards beginners and created weekly exercises to reinforce learning
- Redesigned organization website, implemented new student registration system, and managed communication with over 100 students and parents

Vincent Massey Debate Club, Windsor, Canada 2017 - 2019
VP Education
- Researched and delivered weekly lesson plans on current global affairs and debating techniques as part of VP Education responsibilities
- Worked with individual members during meetings to judge practice debates and provide feedback on argumentation and speaking
- Won First Place at the Richard Peddie Debate Invitationals hosted by the Odette School of Business

Accountable September 2019
Hack the North, University of Waterloo, Canada
- Created an application to scan receipts and categorize purchases item-by-item to provide analytics for improving personal finance
- Placed as Finalist for Da Vinci API prize by TD Canada

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

General Skills: Presentation and Document Preparation, Problem Solving, Leadership, English (Native), Chinese (Native)
Computer Skills: Java, Python, HTML/CSS/JS, Node.js, Vue.js, MongoDB, Photoshop, Linux Administration
Interests: Flight Simulation, Science Fiction, Photography, Paper Trading, Hackathons