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Education

UMass AmherstAmherst, MAMathematics, Pure concentration. GPA: 4.0Fall 2022 - Present, Expected graduation: Spring 2026Relevant Coursework: Algebra I and II, Real and Complex Analysis (separate courses), Topology and AlgebraicTopology, Lie Algebras, Representation Theory, Differential Geometry, Elliptic Curves, all at the graduate level.Carried out an independent study with professor Martina Rovelli in which I wrote up a brief introduction to
monoidal categories and Morita (∞ -)categories.

Waltham High School

GPA: 5.1/5.3 weighted, SAT: 1580, ACT: 36

Experience, Leadership, & Activities

Mathematics REU with Jenia Tevelev Student Researcher

- Participated in a summer research program with Jenia Tevelev, in which I wrote a program in Julia to generate and check through a large class of potential counterexamples to the Fulton-Faber conjecture about generators for the cone of curves of $\overline{M}_{0,n}$, arising from matroids augmented with curves
- Computations still running as of January 2025
- The database and further info can be found on my website at this link (click here)

UMass Amherst Mathematics REU Student Researcher

- Participated in the 2023 Math/Stats department REU program, in which our team wrote a paper characterizing the nilpotence variety \mathcal{N} of the 2D superconformal Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sconf}(N)$ and the orbits of the action of $\mathfrak{sconf}_0(N)$ on \mathcal{N}
- This has applications to the physics of quantum field theory, particularly to theories of supersymmetry

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 250 Waltham Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Eagle Scout

- Active Boy Scout since 1st grade
- Leading and managing activities and planning for my patrol
- Closely involved in planning and leadership for the troop as a whole, as well as organization of supplies
- Became an Eagle Scout in 2022
 - Culmination of efforts as a Boy Scout
 - Prepared, gathered materials and assistance, and led a team of volunteers to install 20 new signposts in Prospect Hill Park in Waltham, MA
 - Significantly developed leadership, organizational, and project management skills

Skills & Interests

Technical: Experience with Python and Julia scripting, and an interest in cybersecurity as a hobby. Involved from time to time in the UMass Cybersecurity Club, particularly with cryptography.

Language: Basic conversational French and Russian in addition to fluent English.

Employment: Working seasonally (whenever possible) as Assistant Park Ranger at Prospect Hill Park in Waltham, MA since summer 2022. Avid enjoyer of the outdoors.

Amherst, MA Summer 2023

Waltham, MA

October 2020 - June 2022

Amherst, MA

Waltham, MA

Fall 2018 - Spring 2022

Amherst, MA Summer 2024