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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina

*Bachelor of Science; Major: Finance (Darla Moore School of Business)
Second Major: Data Science (College of Arts & Sciences); GPA: 4.0*

Columbia, SC
Aug. 2024 – May 2027

- **Honors and Involvement:** President's List (3x), First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll, Superlative Award, South Carolina Honors College
- **Relevant Coursework:** Applied Statistics, Statistical Methods, Computing for Data Science, Data Analytics, Financial Accounting, Corporate Finance
- **IBM Data Science Professional Certificate:** 12 Courses Covering Python, SQL, Data Wrangling, Data Visualization, Statistical Analysis, Machine Learning, Generative AI, Dashboards, and Cloud

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

University of South Carolina Men's Track and Field

Student-Athlete

Columbia, SC
Aug. 2024 - Present

- Manage a full academic course load while training 25 hours per week as a mid-distance runner (800m, 1500m), including practice, competition, and travel

EXPERIENCE

Dubin Clark

Private Equity Intern

Jacksonville, FL
June 2024 - July 2024

- Created one-pagers, diligence memos, and financial models in Excel; took notes during client calls

PV Inn and Club, Gate Hospitality

Ocean Lifeguard

Ponte Vedra, FL
March 2023 - August 2023

- Ensured guest safety by monitoring activities, communicating protocols, and responding quickly in fast-paced situations

PROJECTS

AI Portfolio Optimizer with Risk Classification - Independent Project

May 2025 - July 2025

- Utilized Python, Plaid, Generative AI, and alternative data to design ML pipelines that classify user risk profiles, applying Monte Carlo simulations to optimize ETF allocations and deliver personalized investment strategies

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Carolina Finance & Investment Association

Freshman Finance Academy Member

January 2025 – Present

- Chosen as one of the top 20 freshmen to participate in a highly selective, accelerated, financial careers program, gaining early exposure to the finance industry

Gamecock Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Active Member

November 2024 – Present

- Utilize Python to build ML models and participate in worldwide competitions to solve real-world problems

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Languages:** Python, R, SQL
- **Tools:** Power BI (PL-300), Excel, AWS (Cloud Practitioner)
- **Data Science:** Pandas, scikit-learn, TensorFlow
- **Statistics & Analytics:** Regression, Hypothesis Testing, Probability
- **Data Engineering:** Data Cleaning, Feature Engineering, ETL Pipelines
- **Finance:** Financial Modeling, Risk Analysis, Credit Scoring, Robo-Advising
- **Interests:** Track and Field, Italian Cooking, Surfing, Star Wars