# Akela Villegas

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Highly motivated Cyber Security graduate eager to launch a rewarding career in the Cyber field. Possesses a solid foundation in cybersecurity principles and technologies, coupled with hands-on experience gained through academic projects. Proven ability to adapt quickly to new environments, learn rapidly, and contribute effectively to team objectives. Seeking an entry-level role to apply skills, foster professional growth, and gain hands-on experience.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Active Secret Security Clearance**
- Configure and administer a network and security infrastructure
- Maintain, monitor, and troubleshoot a network and security infrastructure
- Implement technical and/or non-technical security controls to protect an organization from threats and vulnerabilities.
- Installing, securing, testing, and maintaining computer networks
  Routing protocols, set-up users and policies, network implementation, remote desktop, and Active Directory

## EDUCATION:

**ECPI University – Virginia Beach, VA**                              **November 2022**

A.S. in Computer Information Science

*Concentration in Cyber Security*

- Dean's List

**Old Dominion University – Norfolk, VA**                              **December 2025**

B.S. in Cybersecurity

- Dean's List

## RELATED COURSEWORK:

- Cybersecurity Fundamentals
- Cyber War
- Networking
- Linux Administration
- Cyber Techniques
- Crime and Computer Applications
- Routing and Switching
- Cyber Law

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

**Cyber Risk Management Intern**

January 2025 – May 2025

Coastal Virginia Commonwealth Cyber Initiative | Norfolk, VA

- Assisted small businesses and public agencies in Hampton Roads with cybersecurity awareness, risk management, and policy development to strengthen their security posture.
- Conducted cybersecurity risk assessments, SWOT analyses, and employee training sessions to enhance clients' cybersecurity resilience.
- Collaborated with a team under faculty supervision to provide tailored cybersecurity solutions, including network defense strategies and best practices implementation.

**Tech Agent**

June 2023 – December 2023

*SAIC- Science Applications International Cooperation | Norfolk, VA*

- Operates as the initial point of contact for customers via telephone, email or live chat to provide technical support of hardware, systems, sub-systems and/or applications
- Troubleshoot network connectivity issues, working with remote employees on a corporate network
- Support users by performing system tests and updates after they complete their troubleshooting and necessary repairs
- Support department-wide operations by supporting the creation, editing, and maintenance of IT documents

## EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT AND AWARDS:

- **Women in Cybersecurity Member**
  - Received Gold scholarship to attend the Women in Cybersecurity Conference in Dallas, Texas

- **Tau Sigma National Honor Society**
  - Inducted for high academic achievement as a transfer student.

- **Magna Cum Laude**
  - Received recognition from ECPI University for academic excellence

- **Dean's List**
  - Consistently recognized by Old Dominion University for academic excellence

## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **LeADERS Program – Old Dominion University**
  - Completed high-impact experiences in **Leadership, Internship, Research, and Writing**, focusing on innovation, collaboration, and community engagement.

- **Monarchs LEAD – Developing Leader**
  - Participating in ODU's leadership development program, gaining competencies in individual growth, group collaboration, and community impact through the social change model of leadership.