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EDUCATION

Old Dominion University (ODU)   **Norfolk, VA**
Bachelor of Science: Cybersecurity; GPA: 3.88   December 2025

Relevant Coursework: Cybersecurity, Technology, and Society; Cybersecurity and Social Sciences; Basic Cybersecurity Programming and Networking; Introduction to Cybersecurity; Cyber Law; Linux System for Cybersecurity; Digital Forensics; Cybersecurity Strategy and Policy
- Dean's List: Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Green Run High School   **Virginia Beach, VA**
High School Diploma; GPA: 3.38   May 2021

RELEVANT SKILLS

Technical: Python, Cybersecurity Frameworks (NIST), Linux, Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word), Security Configuration, CIA Triad, Vulnerability and Threat Management, Information Security Program knowledge; Wireshark

Non-technical: Conflict Resolution; Customer Service; Business Concept Familiarity; Information Security Roles and Responsibilities; Written Communication

WORK EXPERIENCE

COVA CCI/ ODU Cybersecurity Clinic   **Norfolk, VA**
Risk Management Consultant   August 2025-Current
- Provide direct cybersecurity assistance to small businesses in Hampton Roads.
- Assess cybersecurity vulnerabilities and recommend and implement mitigations.
- Provide cyber risk assessments.

Harris Teeter   **Virginia Beach, VA**
Produce Clerk   June 2022-Current
- Deliver excellent customer service by engaging with customers, identifying needs, and providing detailed product information.
- Assist customers in locating items, answer product-related questions, and promote key products.
- Train new team members in proper inventory management techniques, ensuring accurate produce handling and rotation.
- Provide prompt and courteous service while maintaining a welcoming atmosphere for customers.

Touch of Class Construction   **Newport News, VA**
Installer   May 2019-September 2020
- Assessed materials and time required for each installation project to ensure efficient execution.
- Performed troubleshooting and diagnostics to resolve installation issues and equipment malfunctions.
- Established and nurtured professional relationships with customers and vendors, fostering trust and repeat business.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Password Policy Audit & Hash Cracking (CYSE 301)

- Audited Linux account/password settings; surfaced weak credentials and lockout gaps (IAM).
- Mapped fixes to help-desk actions: password resets, MFA enrollment, user comms on complexity/lockouts.

Wi-Fi Troubleshooting & Packet Analysis (CYSE 301)

- Decrypted WEP/WPA2 handshakes and traced connectivity/auth failures in Wireshark (802.11, TCP/IP, DNS).
- Produced a Wi-Fi triage checklist (signal/auth/DHCP/DNS) and HTTPS/secure-DNS hardening steps.

Network Packet Tracing & Credential Exposure (CYSE 301)

- Isolated ICMP/DNS/HTTP/FTP flows; reconstructed TCP streams to diagnose slow/failed connections.
- Identified plaintext FTP credential leaks; recommended SFTP/FTPS and access-control changes.

DNS & Service Enumeration for Troubleshooting (CYSE 450)

- Used host, dig, dnsenum, and Nmap/NSE to confirm name resolution, open ports, and service health.
- Documented reproducible steps and escalation notes for recurring DNS/service issues.

Client Support & Security Hygiene (ODU Cybersecurity Clinic)

- Triaged small-business phishing/spoofing issues; delivered step-by-step user guides and policy updates.
- Communicated findings to non-technical staff; prioritized quick wins (password policy, MFA, safe file-transfer).