



## About Me

Cybersecurity is not only about protecting systems, it is also about protecting people, decisions, missions, and national security in high-stakes environments.

I am a Computer Science/Cybersecurity student at Old Dominion University focused on cyber defense and the protection of critical infrastructure. My academic path is centered on understanding how systems are secured, how threats evolve, and how technology, policy, and human behavior intersect in modern cybersecurity.

This focus is strengthened through my role as an Army ROTC Cadet and member of the Virginia Army National Guard, where I develop leadership, discipline, and decision-making skills in high-pressure, team-oriented environments. These experiences have shaped my ability to think critically under stress, lead with accountability, and understand the real-world consequences of operational decisions. Skills that are directly applicable to cybersecurity and national defense.

My academic training includes Cybersecurity, Windows System Management, Linux Systems for Cybersecurity, Technology & Society, Ethics, Criminology, Marketing, and STEM Communications. I am also pursuing a Certificate in Psychology, which expands my ability to analyze human-centered threats such as insider risk, social engineering, and behavioral vulnerabilities. This combination allows me to approach cybersecurity from both a technical and human perspective.

As a Cannon Crewmember in the Virginia Army National Guard, I operate in coordinated environments where precision, communication, and reliability are critical. Working under pressure has reinforced the importance of preparation, trust, and execution; principles that directly translate to cybersecurity operations, where system integrity and rapid response are essential.

In addition, my minor in Studio Art Photography strengthens my visual communication, digital literacy, and analytical observation skills. These abilities support areas such as OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence), technical documentation, and the interpretation of visual data in cybersecurity contexts.

Beyond academics and military training, I have served as a Snowboard Instructor and Lifeguard, roles that required real-time risk assessment, clear communication, and responsibility for others' safety. These experiences further developed my ability to lead, instruct, and make decisions under pressure in dynamic environments.

Through these combined experiences, I bring a mission-focused mindset grounded in technical knowledge, ethical responsibility, and leadership under pressure. By integrating cybersecurity expertise with military training and real-world decision-making, I am preparing to contribute to both technological advancement and national security.