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SUMMARY

Cybersecurity graduate from Old Dominion University (B.S., Minor in Computer Science) with hands-on experience in security risk assessment, litigation support, and consulting through internships with FTI Consulting and the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative. CompTIA Security+ certified, with a research background spanning NASA's Space Technology Directorate and cybersecurity workforce diversity. Built academic support systems and process improvements as Academic Chair for a campus student organization.

EDUCATION

B.S. in Cybersecurity | Minor in Computer Science – Old Dominion University (ODU), Norfolk, VA 23529 | **May 2026**

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Programming: Python, Java
- Operating Systems: Linux, Windows Server 2019, Windows 10, macOS
- Tools: Ubuntu, Kali Linux, Wireshark, Metasploit, Hydra, CyberChef, Shodan
- Platforms: Microsoft Office 365 Suite

CERTIFICATIONS

- Microsoft Certified: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (SC-900) | October 2026
- Cisco Networking Academy – Introduction to Cybersecurity Badge | August 2026
- CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701) Certification | July 2026
- Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (CCI) Clearance Preparedness Program | November 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

FTI Consulting – Forensic and Litigation (Cybersecurity) Intern **June 2025 – August 2025**
Washington, D.C., VA

- Partnered on a two-person capstone project simulating a post-breach security review, analyzing Identity and Access Management (IAM) evidence to identify control gaps and present findings via a report and presentation.
- Maintained an Excel-based registry of companies and associated legal firms involved in cybersecurity-related litigation, supporting active client casework.
- Developed risk assessment strategies to identify fraudulent remote worker identities linked to North Korean threat actors, delivering findings in a client-facing report.

Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Coastal Virginia (COVA CCI) – Cyber Risk Management Specialist **August 2024 – December 2024**
Norfolk, VA

- Conducted security posture assessments for 9 small-to-medium enterprises near ODU using a 10-question questionnaire, covering access permissions, MFA, and firewalls, delivering tailored recommendations.
- Developed a cybersecurity risk management framework for a local theater and entertainment company, applying the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) and coordinating independent validation of implemented controls in alignment with CISA Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPG 2.0) ID.RA-01/03–06.

Old Dominion University – Federal Work Study Summer Facilitator **April 2024 – May 2024**
Norfolk, VA

- Designed flyers and spotlight posters in Canva for an ODU retreat and a Virginia Beach conference.
- Maintained accurate attendee records and event statistics with Excel and Word for support planning.

ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

BSides Hampton Roads **October 2026**

- Checked in attendees with a ticket-scanning app, answered event questions, and trained incoming volunteers.

The SUMMIT – Academic Chair **May 2025 – 2026**

- Created a "Committee Interest Form" and interview process to recruit general members into executive board committees.
- Managed "SUMMIT PROJECTS," connecting members with major-relevant project resources as an ongoing liaison.

AFCEA Maritime IT Cyber Summit **August 2025**

- Supported the coordination of the Capture The Flag (CTF) event by securing cabling for connectivity.

AWARDS

Virginia Space Grant Consortium STEM Bridge Scholarship Program **April 2025**

- Awarded a $1,000 undergraduate research grant. Authored a research report and a professor interview on NASA's Space Technology Directorate, gaining insight into cybersecurity opportunities.

Coastal Virginia Commonwealth Cyber Initiative Undergraduate Research Program **April 2023**

- Awarded a $2,500 undergraduate research grant. Presented Research Study at Cyber Education & Research Conference: *"The Lack of Black Female Diversity Within the Cybersecurity Workforce"*