

# Nicolas Ryan Stephens

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## PREVIOUS EDUCATION

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<b>Windsor High School, Windsor, Virginia</b>	<b>2021 - 2025</b>
<i>Advanced Diploma</i>	
<b>Paul D. Camp Community College, Franklin, Virginia</b>	
<i>Dual Enrollment &amp; Advanced Placement Courses during High School</i>	
<b>Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia</b>	<b>2023 - 2025</b>
<i>Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity   Expected May 2028   4.0 GPA</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Handshake AI, Remote (Part-Time)** **December 2025 - Present**

*AI Trainer*

As a Fellow with Handshake AI, I work to ethically and responsibly train Artificial Intelligence models.

Through my experience working with Handshake AI, I have gained knowledge in:

- How information is pre-processed for AI models
- The importance of reliable and trustworthy AI training information
- Effective AI Prompt creation
- Increased confidence in utilizing AI models
- Weaknesses of current AI models

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**High School Varsity Wrestling Captain** **November 2024 - February 2025**

- Led team of 25+ wrestlers across high school and middle school programs to the most team wins in program history.

**High School Varsity Track and Field Captain** **March 2025 – June 2025**

- Led Track team of 50+ athletes in stretches and warmups.
- Coached fellow Field athletes in Discus and Shotput and offered workout programming in the weight room.

**Windsor High School Powerlifting Club – President and Founder** **March 2024 – June 2025**

- Founder and President of Windsor High School's first Powerlifting Club
- Created an inclusive space for High School students to grow physically and mentally while competing at local competitions in and around Norfolk, Virginia.
- Coached members on how to perform competition and accessory lifts with proper form.
- Guided members on creating personalized diet and workout programs tailored towards their needs.

## PROJECTS & EXTRACURRICULARS

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### **Server-side Fitness Final Project**

**November 2025**

As my final project for CYSE 250: Basic Cybersecurity Programming and Networking, I developed a secure Python-based networking application that allowed users to select their own workout programs tailored to their needs and goals. This project included:

- Account Creation/Authentication
- Socket Programming
- Multi-threading
- Encryption and Decryption
- Hashing
- Client-Server interactivity

The project's code can be downloaded and run via a link on my e-portfolio.

### **Cybersecurity Student Association (CS2A)**

**August 2025 -  
Present**

- Member of CS2A at Old Dominion University.

### **Armed Forces Communication & Electronics Association (AFCEA) ODU Chapter**

**October 2025 -  
Present**

- Member of AFCEA, Old Dominion University Chapter.

## SKILLS

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**Programming languages:** Python (Intermediate)