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EXPERIENCE

Farmingdale Gymnastics and Ninja Academy | Farmingdale, NY September 2024 – Present

IT Specialist / Website Developer

- Developed and maintained a professional website with 15+ pages. Provided hybrid and remote IT support, from fixing printers and storing encrypted passwords to domain rebranding.
- Redesigned site navigation and sign-up flow, increasing memberships 21.7%. Optimized meta tags and Google SEO, resulting in a first-page ranking for local gymnastics searches

High Velocity Athletics | Farmingdale, NY February 2025 – May 2025

IT Specialist / Website Developer

- Delivered a complete digital launch for a brand-new business with zero prior online presence: WordPress site, DNS configuration, domain, email setup, Square payment integration, and Google Business Profile

WE CONNECT THE DOTS | we-connect-the-dots.org October 2023 – December 2023

Website Administrator Intern

- Created the upcoming UpSkill program event page. Updated layout and information in 10+ pages. Collaborated with the team via Microsoft Teams and presented a progress report to the CEO via PowerPoint

EDUCATION

SUNY Suffolk County Community College | Selden, NY 9/2021 - 03/2024

- A.S. Information Technology - Computer Information Systems

SUNY Farmingdale State College | Farmingdale, NY 1/2024 - 05/2026

- B.S. Computer Programming & Information Systems • GPA 3.7

Leadership & Activities

President - FSC Men's Volleyball Club | Farmingdale, NY 9/2021 - 03/2024

- Won the 2026 FSC Club Sport of the Year Award. Led all club operations, including scheduling and event logistics, and established a network of Long Island volleyball club connections for scrimmages.
- Secured Chick-fil-A catering sponsorship for end-of-season event by independently authoring and delivering a formal sponsorship pitch to a corporate partner

SKILLS

- **Languages & Frameworks:** JavaScript, React, Node.js, Express, PHP, Java, Python, HTML, CSS, SQL
- **Web & CMS:** WordPress, Responsive Design, UX Optimization, SEO (on-page, meta, Google ranking)
- **IT & Tools:** Google Workspace, Microsoft Power Apps, Go HighLevel CRM, DNS/Domain Management, Technical Support & Troubleshooting
- **Fluent:** English and Spanish