# Lucas Root

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Sophomore Computer Science and Cybersecurity Engineering student in the Honors Program at the University of Kansas with a background running a small business, customer service, and multilingual communication in English, Spanish, and Cantonese. Looking to leverage my strong interpersonal and communication skills in a relevant role as a software engineer.

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Cybersecurity **Engineering- Honors College - In Progress** 

University of Kansas 2028 | Lawrence, KS 4.0 GPA

**High School Diploma** 

Menlo-Atherton High School 2024 | Menlo Park, CA 4.08 GPA - 6 AP classes

### COURSEWORK

Programming 2

Calculus 3 Honors

**Software Engineering** 

**Discreet Structures** 

**Embedded Systems** 

Linear Algebra

## **PROJECTS**

Get Big, Man 🔗

2025 - present

HackKU Best Beginner Project

- Collaborated in a team of 4 to design and develop a Unity-based roguelike game centered on physical and mental health, aligning with the hackathon's theme of health and well-being.
- Implemented game mechanics, player growth system, and enemy AI using C# in Unity.
- Created the entire soundtrack using FL Studio music production software.
- Presented and demoed the project to HackKU judges, resulting in winning **Best Beginner Project**.

## **EXPERIENCE**

## Navy Midshipman

07/2024 – 09/2024 | Lawrence, KS

US Navy ROTC

- Completed intensive New Student Indoctrination (NSI), demonstrating high physical and mental resilience during bootcamp-style training at Naval Station Great Lakes.
- Participated in New Student Orientation (NSO) at the University of Kansas, recognized as one of the topperforming midshipmen in the KU NROTC battalion for leadership potential and dedication.
- Disenrolled from the program due to an unexpected medical disqualification.

#### Waiter/Busboy

06/2022 – 11/2022 | San Mateo, CA

Dessert Republic

- A waiter at a small, family-owned company.
- Spoke English and Cantonese with staff and customers.
- Gained experience interacting with customers in a busy environment.

## **INVOLVEMENT**

**Kansas Crew** 

08/2024 – present | Lawrence, KS, USA

President

- Organized and managed logistics for regattas, practices, and team-building events.
- Represented Kansas Crew at university and regional events, promoting the team and recruiting new members
- Partnered with Friends of the Kaw and coordinated Rent-a-Rower volunteer/community service initiatives.

**Norcal Crew** 08/2019 - 05/2024

Varsity Rower

- Participated in many races, including 13th at 2023 Head of the Charles as stroke seat in the Men's Youth +.
- Attended practice 18 hours a week.
- Helped coach new rowers from ages 11-15.
- Kept track of gear inventory, including oars, coaching launches, boats, and clothing.

## chilltime (chilltimeclothing.com) ∅

01/2023

Founder - CEO

- Created a clothing brand with my brother.
- Experience in sourcing a manufacturer.
- Created a website with Shopify and custom HTML/CSS/JS
- Running the financials and operations.

AWARDS	SKILLS
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## SUSHD Biliteracy Recognition Award

Menlo-Atherton High School

12/01/2024

• Certified in biliteracy of English and Spanish

## KU Excellence Scholarship

University of Kansas

12/01/2024

• Highest value scholarship offered to incoming students at KU

Backend	•	•	•	•	
Java, Python, C					
Frontend	•	•	•		
HTML/CSS/JS/PHP, LaTeX					
Developer Tools	•	•	•		
SSH, Linux					
Version Control	•	•	•		
Git, Github					
Spanish	•	•	•	•	

Cantonese