

Cole Westerlund

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Summary

Fourth-year university student with cyber security background and hundreds of classroom hours in security engineering, programming, and cyber operations. Seeking to leverage my passion for incident response, 3.8 GPA, and Security+ certification to earn the Ken Johnson DFIR scholarship.

Experience

Horizon Health Care, Inc | Howard, South Dakota

IT Intern | 05/2022 - Present

Contributing as sixth man on five person IT team for a healthcare company with 350 employees and 22 locations throughout rural South Dakota.

Assisting system administrator, network administrator, and department manager, and helpdesk with day to day operations and projects.

Major projects

- NSX-T Microsegmentation
- Arctic Wolf managed SIEM integration
- SD-WAN implementation across 22 sites

Chipotle Mexican Grill | Tempe, Arizona

Certified Trainer | 04/2019 - 10/2020

Responsible for training new hires at one of the busiest Chipotle locations in the state of Arizona. During my time at Chipotle, my team and restaurant were recognized by Chipotle Corporate as a model location.

Shortly after, my restaurant became a training location for managers and crew for the greater Phoenix Area.

Education

Dakota State University | Madison, South Dakota

BS - Cyber Operations | 05/2023

3.8 GPA

- All-Conference pitcher on the school baseball team in 2022
- Member of Defensive Security Club
- President's list recognition in each semester

Certificates

CompTIA Security+

Skills

Firewall Configuration, Log Review, Problem Resolution, C++, x86 Assembly, Windows Administration, Network Administration, Communication

Awards

NAIA Academic All-American, NSAA Academic All-Conference, NSAA All Conference Team