Ayana Griffin

Computer Science Student @ Stanford University

Stanford, CA, June 2025

Education & Skills

Stanford University • Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Relevant coursework (*current): *Programming Abstractions, AP Computer Science A Languages & Frameworks: Python, JavaScript, Java, C++, HTML/CSS, React, React Native, Node, Express, PostgreSQL

Relevant Experience

Curious Cardinals & Black Girls CODE • Teacher & Mentor

- Lead and teach deep-dive coding and web development projects, workshops, and five-week classes to 60+
- elementary and middle school students using custom curriculum in Python, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS
- Mentor students through the processes of ideating and programming 3-6 month passion projects and hackathons

Google • Computer Science Summer Institute Scholar

- Engaged in an intensive program to create 12+ coding projects using JavaScript skills taught by Google engineers
- Led full-stack development of a collaborative final game and orchestrated a live demonstration to employees

US Department of State • US Ambassador in Africa

- Selected as one of five high school students nationwide to build bonds between the US and Ghana by serving as a US ambassador, living with a host family, attending a local school, and fully immersing in Ghanaian culture
- Presented experiences of bridging the cultural gap between the US and Ghana to 10 US Department of State members

Carnegie Mellon • Summer Academy for Math & Science Scholar Pittsburgh, PA, June 2019 — August 2019

- Learned fundamental **Python** skills from Carnegie Mellon University professors to devise 5 individual coding projects
- Invented and constructed a sensor using C and IoT technology to notify users if they left home without essentials
- Fostered a community of 100+ students in underrepresented groups in STEM through collaboration and social events

Projects

Computers2Kids • Mobile App | Case Study

- Automated Computers2Kids San Diego's process of getting laptops to students from low-income backgrounds by developing an Android and iOS app using React Native, Node.js, Express.js, Salesforce, and Heroku
- Developed 5+ features including applying for and ordering a laptop, requesting tech assistance, and tracking order status, helping the organization expand its reach from southern California to a national audience

BrowserBug • Chrome Extension | Github Website

- Collaborated with a team of three to launch a Chrome extension to help 75+ users feel less lonely during remote work
- Spearheaded user customization features, pioneered a website from scratch, and overhauled front-end codebase for consistency, reusability, and optimization by utilizing Java, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS

Awards & Recognitions

Best Hardware Hack • TechTogether Boston Best Environmental Hack • Hack for the People 3rd Place • MelonJam Hackathon Aspirations in Computing Award (Regional) • National Center for Women & Information Technology

Remote, October 2020 — Present

Ghana, West Africa, September 2019 — March 2020

Remote, July 2020

April 2021 — July 2021

August 2020 — December 2020