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Strongest where people and technology meet: research, programs and operations that help real people. Nearly two years on a venture-backed startup's founding team, after UN policy work on disarmament and post-conflict recovery.

EXPERIENCE

Intension, New York

Jan 2025–Present

Product Engineer (Apr 2026–Present) · previously Growth, Research & Operations

Early-stage public benefit company building a privacy-first Mac desktop that organizes apps and AI around people's goals.

- **Helped the company raise \$1M+** by leading the market and audience research behind its pitch.
- **Steered the roadmap toward what early users needed most, accuracy they could trust**, by onboarding them personally and turning their frustrations into priorities.
- **Ran day-to-day operations for the company's first beta program**, giving the team steady real-user feedback that grew into a 25-person alpha.
- **Became fluent in AI-native development and moved into product engineering**, giving a small team another builder: 121 shipped changes, from tuning on-device AI to onboarding and releases.
- **Built a privacy-safe text-message help line for testers** that answered common questions and routed bugs to engineers, cutting support time so the team could focus on fixes and features.

Foundation for Post-Conflict Development, New York

Jun–Dec 2024

Youth Delegate, FPCD Delegation to the United Nations

- **Helped the foundation spot where to connect partners or fund projects** by reporting on UN meetings about conflict and recovery.
- **Worked with the founder and fellow delegates to support g7+ nations**, conflict-affected countries rebuilding local infrastructure and shaping international policy.

Pace University International Disarmament Institute, New York

Oct 2023

Disarmament Researcher (UN accreditation through Article 36)

- **Helped civil-society groups respond to UN disarmament talks** by covering meetings their delegates couldn't attend, including debates on emerging weapons technology.
- **Co-authored an analysis of the UN's draft resolution on youth and disarmament** for the First Committee Monitor (Reaching Critical Will, 2023).

Up to Us

May 2020–Aug 2021

Strategic Advisor (volunteer), youth civic engagement campaign

- **Helped a youth campaign register 40,000+ young voters** through incentive strategies like a creator-led Tesla giveaway.
- **Ran call and text drives that showed, county by county, why people were hesitant about vaccines**, so outreach could address their real concerns.

COMMUNITY WORK

- **AI workshops for educators** (Mar 2026): Gave public-school educators, most new to AI, a practical way to weigh its uses and risks, co-presenting two workshops and building a phone activity every participant tried.
- **School dismissal app** (Sep 2026): Helped build an app that the principal says frees up office staff time at the end of the school day, and prepared it for a private trial and wider distribution.

EDUCATION

Pace University, B.A. Political Science, Coursework in Marketing

May 2025

SKILLS

People & operations: user research and interviews, beta programs, onboarding, workshop facilitation, policy writing

Technical: Swift, Python, TypeScript, Postgres, AI tools (Claude Code, Codex)