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EDUCATION

Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD May 2028
Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Finance and Real Estate Finance

- 3.4 GPA

Clarksburg High School, Clarksburg, MD June 2024

Awards and Honors

- Certificate of Meritorious Service (completed over 1000 service hours)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prudential Financial, Baltimore, MD Spring 2025
Intern

- Assisted with financial analysis, client work, and investment portfolio evaluations while learning various investment strategies and insurance products, including life insurance. Gained hands-on experience collaborating with teams on projects and developing insights into corporate finance and risk management.

Zelaya Photography LLC, Montgomery County, MD 2020-Present
Founder

- Run a photography business in District Maryland Virginia, Central America, Europe, and Africa; Shot and edited 20,000+ images with Adobe Cloud and Canon R5/R6mkii, building strong client referrals.

Zelaya Capital LLC, DC, Maryland, Virginia 2024-Present
Founder

- Acquisition agent for Zelaya Capital, sourcing and purchasing properties across DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Partner with investors to acquire homes for cash, manage renovations, and execute profitable real estate flips.

PROJECTS

Self-Hosted AI Trading & Predictive Arbitrage Platform

- Architected and deployed a self-hosted, multi-agent financial intelligence system on a dedicated home server to conduct extensive market-data research across Bitcoin and other digital assets, generate precise trade recommendations, and support automated execution workflows.
- Engineered a predictive-arbitrage agent that detects pricing and probability discrepancies between Polymarket and Kalshi, surfaces actionable cross-market opportunities, monitors position-level and aggregate P&L, and recommends profit-taking exits as positions move into positive territory.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE - Loyola University Maryland

Financial Management Association – Vice President 2024 – Present

- Led marketing for Loyola's Finance Management Association, managing social media, event promotion, and branding to boost visibility and student engagement across campus.

Loyola Real Estate Club – Director of Marketing and Communications 2024 – 2025

- Develop and implement marketing strategies to promote club events, increase member engagement, and support organizational growth.

Loyola Consulting Group – Financial Analyst 2024 – 2025

- Conduct research and analyze data to support client recommendations, assisting with problem solving and contribute to delivering effective solutions

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish

The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy

- Award that recognizes a student's high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages other than English.

Technical Skills

- Adobe Cloud
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)