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Profile

Accomplished technologist responsible for deployment and integration of new cloud computing feature sets for US Defense & Security Community. Led feature set deployments to hundreds of thousands of users in highly secure environments and spearheaded cloud migration strategy across 6 Department of Defense organizations. Founded a Fine Dining Restaurant on George Washington's former estate; pivoted to online delivery during COVID, scaled to 100k+/month Revenue using E-commerce delivery platforms.

Professional Experience

VMware

July 2019-Present

Federal Consultant

- Lead technical liaison between internal development groups and government IT teams, responsible for the deployment & integration of new feature sets in various platforms
- Assembled cross-functional teams to address unique customer challenges related to stringent physical and cyber-security requirements
- Worked with technical leads to deliver customized applications consistently ahead of schedule & under-budget, for over 300,000 overseas military devices. Awarded a US Military Challenge Coin for my efforts - a rare token of appreciation for exceptional service in the Defense of the US Homeland
- Created a cloud migration strategy which radically reduced Opex and Capex expenditures for clients. This strategy was later adopted by 6 other Department of Defense organizations

Cedar Knoll

December 2015 - Present

Co-Founder and Operations Manager

Fine Dining Restaurant situated on 3 acres of George Washington's former estate outside of Washington, DC.

- Raised funds from an international businessman, purchased estate, scaled operations to over \$3m in annual revenue
- Pivoted during the onset of COVID-19 pandemic to cloud-kitchen delivery model, scaled 3 restaurants to over \$100k/month in E-commerce only revenue
- Oversaw IT operations, website, and social media accounts to expand our customer base; we now have over 11,000 followers across Instagram, Facebook, internal email lists, and returning website visitors
- Raised funds within local community to support new real-estate propositions and expansion to 2 new locations

Education

Wake Forest University

August 2015 - Present

B.S Computer Science

Minor: Mathematics, Physics, focus in Humanities