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**Education**

Bachelor’s in IT & Psychology – Southern Illinois University *Carbondale, IL | May 2026*
*GPA: 3.9/4.0 | Dean’s List | University Honors Program | Psi Chi Honor Society*

**Work Experience**

**Clerk – Southern Illinois University** *Carbondale, IL | Jan 2022 – Present*

* Respond to over 50 inquiries daily using strong written and verbal communication skills.
* Manage front desk operations including calls, emails, and in-person visitors.
* Maintain database records for 10,000+ students and faculty, ensuring privacy compliance.

**Research Assistant – Deepfake Detection Project, SIU IT Dept.**  *Carbondale, IL | Nov 2024 – Present*

* Conduct research on deepfake detection and disinformation trends.
* Contribute to reports and research publications, presenting findings to both technical and general audiences.

**Property and Casualty Claims Intern – State Farm Insurance** *Bloomington, IL | May 2024 – Aug 2024*

* Assessed damages, evaluated policy coverage, and improved claim processing speed.
* Utilized proprietary software to increase operational efficiency.
* Learned core operations of a major insurer.

**HR Project Manager Intern – Resilience, Inc.**  *Remote | Nov 2022 – Sep 2023*

* Researched recruitment strategies, improving candidate quality and retention.
* Designed onboarding and training programs to support new hires.

**Professional Development**

**Women in Cybersecurity (WiCyS)** *Carbondale, IL* | *2024 – Present*

* Elected Secretary of the SIU WiCyS chapter, supporting chapter organization and communication.
* Participated in the 2025 WiCyS National Conference, attending workshops and networking with industry professionals.

**Personal Portfolio Website** -– [Live Demo](https://www.blessingwallin.click/) | [GitHub Repo](https://github.com/blessingwallin/portfolio.git)  *Bootstrap, AWS S3, Route 53, CloudFront, HTML/CSS*

* Hosted a static portfolio site on AWS S3 with a custom domain configured via Route 53.
* Integrated CloudFront CDN to enable global caching and fast content delivery.
* Configured HTTPS using AWS Certificate Manager for secure access.

**Rock Paper Scissors Web Game** – [Live Demo](https://blessingwallin.github.io/rock-paper-scissors/) | [GitHub Repo](https://github.com/blessingwallin/rock-paper-scissors) *JavaScript, HTML, CSS, localStorage*

* Created a Rock Paper Scissors game with keyboard controls, persistent scoring, and auto-play functionality.

**Weather Application** – [GitHub Repo](https://github.com/blessingwallin/weather_app.git)  *Python, WeatherAPI, Requests, JSON, Flask*

* Developed a web application utilizing open-source WeatherAPI to provide users with real-time weather data, including current conditions, 3-day forecasts, and severe weather alerts. Implemented modular classes for API interactions.