

Jonah Zanolla

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA May 2030
Candidate for BS in Computer Science and Engineering GPA: N/A
Coursework: Intro. to Computer Science, Calculus, Physics, Science Writing for the Public

Illini West High School, Carthage, IL May 2026
Valedictorian | SAT: 1530 | ACT: 35 GPA: 4.0/4.0
Coursework: Intro. to Computer Science, Intro. to Programming, Multivariable Calculus, Physics

EXPERIENCE

Memorial Hospital, Carthage, IL June 2025 – August 2026
IT Technician

- Collaborated with Fiscal and HR to implement a payroll system migration of 500+ employees.
- Introduced deployment packages for device provisioning, accelerating setup time from an hour to 15 minutes per device.
- Developed complete firewall rules for endpoints, carried out testing, and completed rollout on 700+ devices.
- Supported internal incident response by identifying fraudulent logins and emails during a cybersecurity incident using Microsoft Entra and Microsoft Exchange.

Z Tech Solutions, Carthage, IL May 2024 – August 2026
Founder

- Founded tech support service, completed 50+ tech support calls.
- Coordinated with local banks to reduce scams for elderly citizens by providing digital safety and scam prevention trainings.
- Modernized local restaurant Point-of-Sale system.

Dairy Queen, Carthage, IL October 2023 – May 2026
Crew Member

- Interacted with 300+ customers per shift to take orders, collect payment, and fulfill orders.
- Gained firsthand experience in customer service, communication, and conflict resolution.

ACTIVITIES & EXTRACURRICULARS

IWHS Scholastic Bowl, Varsity Captain August 2022 – May 2026

- Directed practices for a team of 15 and led in-match discussion about answers, ranked 2nd in conference.

IWHS Illinois Science Olympiad, President August 2022 – May 2026

- Engineered robot for autonomous navigation, wrote software to adapt to randomized courses.

IWHS HorseHead Studios, President August 2022 – May 2026

- Managed live-streaming for sports, reached an average of 250+ viewers/stream. Raised \$4,000+ a year.

HONORS & AWARDS

National Merit Finalist, Spring 2026; College Board Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, Spring 2026

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Computer: Microsoft Office, Microsoft 365, Active Directory, Windows Server, Basic Python, Basic C++
Interests: Reading, Trivia, Travel, Technology, Baking