

# NICHOLAS WERNICKI

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## EDUCATION

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<b>College Of Lake County</b> <i>Associate Coursework in Computer Science</i>	Grayslake, IL 2023 – 2025
<b>University Of Kentucky</b> <i>Bachelor's in Computer Science</i>	Lexington, KY 2025 – Present

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Community Specialist</b> <i>Apple</i>	Jul 2025 – Present <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Represent Apple across partner stores in a \$40M Lexington market, serving as a brand ambassador and trusted advisor.</li><li>– Build strong customer relationships by showcasing Apple products, services, and ecosystem benefits through demos and small in-store trainings.</li><li>– Collaborate with retail partners to drive sales, influence purchase decisions, and expand awareness of Apple offerings.</li><li>– Ensure merchandising, fixtures, and product exposures meet Apple's standards across multiple locations.</li><li>– Deliver customer insights to Apple teams, enhancing the overall customer journey and experience.</li></ul>	
<b>Web Development Intern</b> <i>Awesome Inc</i>	May 2025 – Aug 2025 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Developed and maintained components for the company's main site using React, Gatsby, and Sanity CMS.</li><li>– Implemented lazy loading on the blog page, improving performance and SEO rankings.</li><li>– Redesigned the Parking Info page from Figma mockups, optimizing for user experience and load speed.</li></ul>	
<b>Technical Support &amp; Sales</b> <i>Geek Squad / Best Buy</i>	Dec 2024 – Aug 2025 <i>Lexington, KY</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Promoted to Full Time within 2 months due to consistent performance and customer impact.</li><li>– Troubleshoot and resolved hardware/software issues for computers, phones, and tablets, ensuring high customer satisfaction.</li><li>– Certified returned computers for resale in compliance with company quality standards.</li></ul>	

## MEMORABLE PROJECTS

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<b>Parking Page Redesign</b>   <i>React, Sanity, HTML, CSS</i>	June 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Created an informative and visually appealing parking page to help visitors navigate to the Awesome Inc location.</li><li>– Implemented design feedback from the Creative Team and optimized for fast load time.</li></ul>	
<b>Lazy Loading Blog Images</b>   <i>Gatsby, React</i>	June 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Implemented image lazy loading on the blog page to enhance performance and reduce initial page load size.</li><li>– Utilized Gatsby's native image plugin and GraphQL queries to defer non-critical assets.</li></ul>	
<b>Personal Projects (GitHub)</b>   <i>Various Tech Stacks</i>	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Created several applications ranging from games to productivity tools using Java, React, Django, and Pygame.</li></ul>	

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** Java, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, C++  
**Frameworks & Libraries:** React, Gatsby, Sanity, Flask, Django, Spring, Pygame  
**Tools & Platforms:** Github, Vim, IntelliJ, VS Code, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Xcode  
**Technical:** PC/Mac troubleshooting, hardware assembly, software installs  
**Languages:** English (Fluent), Polish (Fluent)  
**Soft Skills:** Customer service, Sales, Collaboration, Adaptability, Leadership

## CERTIFICATIONS & HONORS

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**Google IT Support Professional Certificate**  
**College Honor List for Academic Excellence**