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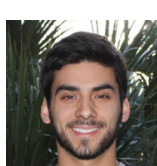
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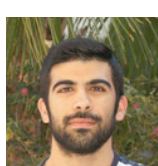
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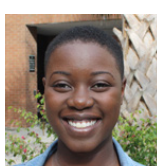
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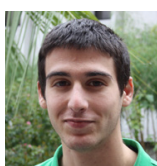
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Physics

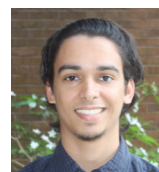
NSF REU Program in Computational Astrophysics at the University of California Santa Cruz
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Ahmad Azim

Photonic Science and Engineering

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory's Laser Technology & Applications Research Group Internship
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Electrical Engineering

Center for the Study of Language and Information Summer Research Internship at Stanford University
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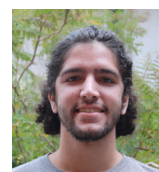
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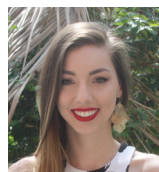
Leadership Alliance: Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training (SMART) University of Colorado at Boulder
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Aerospace Engineering

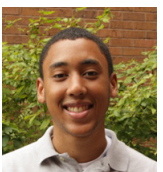
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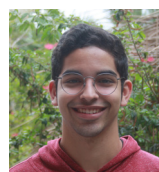
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