Mary Buist

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Education

Rutgers University Piscataway, NJ

Bachelors of Science in Computer Science, Bachelors of Arts in Physics 3.8 GPA

Sep 2022- May 2026

- Selected Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Architecture, Systems Programming, Software Methodology, Computer Algorithms, Database Management, Discrete Mathematics, Database Management, Data 101
- Awards: Deans List Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- Societies: Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Professional Experience

Rutgers Computer Science Department

Piscataway

Intro to Computer Science Head Teaching Assistant

Jan 2024 - Present

- Led course coordination team of 100 acting as domain expert and liaison, providing real-time feedback to enhance course quality for 2,000 students per year
- Initiated weekly team-building discussions, contributing to increased group accountability and achieving a 39% share of total query resolutions
- Offered in-person office hours mentoring and tutoring to over 50 students, reducing workload for course support staff by 6%
- Prioritized timely updates for grades and feedback on 20,000 assignment submissions per year, achieving a 91% reduction in feedback turnaround time from previous semesters

Student Community Manager

Jan 2024 - Present

- Strengthened interdepartmental and club visibility by serving as lead photographer and contributing over 50 pictures for CS department
- Organized and hosted CSL community crochet nights to foster social bonding and create a welcoming third place
- Addressed and solved 11.7% all student concerns from ticket queue offering coding, debugging and peer support

Assignment Guru Director

Jan 2025 - Present

- Manager and mentored undergraduate student cohort in an accelerated 6-week program, driving deliverable execution and team cohesion in 40% of the time with an 80% completion rate
- Designed and implemented two greenfield object oriented programming assignments for 3,000 students in Rutgers' introductory computer science courses
- Streamlined communication and ownership with assignment creators, ensuring the prompt and efficient release of course assignments, increasing operational efficiency by 85%

Basking Ridge HQ Verizon

Consumer Group Business Architecture Strategy Intern

Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Researched agentic AI applications to address user pain points, designing solutions that improved customer experience and operational efficiency
- Collaborated with over 25 analysts and strategists across engineering, customer experience, marketing and sales to gather insights for team research and professional development

Club Involvement

Hack RU - Rutgers Flagship Hackathon

Piscataway, NJ

Marketing Organizer

Jan 2024 - Present

• Contributed 50+ day of event photos and dedicated 20+ volunteer hours sending emails and posting promotional flyers, resulting in over 500 signups and increased event engagement

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, C, SQL, LaTeX, Python, R, MatLab

Developer Tools: VSCode, IntelliJ IDE, Android Studios, GitHub, MySQL Workbench, JUnit, Slack, Notion