

# JOUD BITAR

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## EDUCATION

### Trinity College | Davis Scholar

BS in *Computer Science*; Minors in *Philosophy* and *Music*; GPA: 3.7/4.0; *Faculty Honors*

Hartford, CT

Expected May 2028

### United World College Maastricht

*International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program*

Maastricht, The Netherlands

May 2024

## PROJECTS

### Meshkat Records – Official Website

July 2025 - Present

- Collaborated with Meshkat, an independent Lebanese record label, to develop its website using Next.js and Firestore.
- Built a custom admin dashboard allowing non-technical staff to update tour dates and announcements autonomously.
- Created a cohesive digital identity for Meshkat using bold imagery and video-driven design.

### Triply - AI Travel Companion App

Jan 2025 - Present

- Developed a personal AI-driven travel planner in React Native and Expo, generating LLM structured outputs and converting into editable itineraries.
- Designed custom UX components inspired by Apple's native calendar flow.
- Connected Firestore's cloud functions for user data persistence and synchronization across sessions.

### Haps - College Social Events Platform

Sep 2025 - Present

- Building a verified event platform using Next.js and Firebase to make campus nightlife centralized and accessible.
- Implemented Firestore listeners to enable organizations to instantly update event status (e.g. open, closed) in real time.
- Displayed live attendance and engagement statistics, giving students real-time insights into campus events.

## EXPERIENCE

### United World College - Lebanese National Committee

*Committee awarding 10 scholarships per year to Lebanese youth.*

Beirut, Lebanon

August 2024 - Present

#### Executive Board - Head of Selections

- Redesigned the 2025 selection process to adapt to AI-era applications, shortening written components and emphasizing interviews for more authentic evaluation among 100+ applicants.
- Ongoing mentorship of 8 students post-selection to support their transition and success at UWC schools.

### UWC Austria Re(Defining) Equality (Erasmus+ Funded)

*Selective 2-week course focusing on social justice, identity, and inclusive leadership.*

Imst, Austria

July 2025

#### Facilitator & Instructor

- Designed and led 3 workshops on identity, privilege, and global inequality for 39 students from 20 countries.
- Guided group discussions and activities that encouraged critical thinking and cross-cultural exchange.

### Chartwells Higher Ed

*Marketing Intern & Event Ambassador*

Hartford, CT

Sep 2024 - Present

- Orchestrated digital marketing campaigns and designed visual assets tailored for Gen Z students, increasing social media engagement by 70%.
- Initiated a project leveraging Yik Yak, an anonymous student forum, to collect real-time feedback on campus dining satisfaction, generating actionable insights through student-centered outreach.
- Led large-scale campus events engaging with 200+ students, fostering community and improving campus life.

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Programming Languages:** Java, C, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, HTML, CSS

**Frameworks & Libraries:** React, React Native, Next.js, Vite, Tailwind CSS

**Tools & Platforms:** Git, Firebase, Firestore, Expo, Figma

**Languages:** Arabic (native), English (C2), French (B2)

**Interests:** Music (Piano for 8 years, Guitar for 4 years), Trinity Jazz Ensemble (Jazz Guitar), DJ (Open Format, Resident DJ at The Mill, a student-run live music venue), Squash, Speedcubing (personal best: 13s)