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SUMMARY

Advertising Creative student at Michigan State University. I've done network and IT work for local businesses since 2021, run the server and website for One Michigan in Detroit, and write, produce, and brand my own music as KALAYDO.

EDUCATION

Michigan State University — B.A. Advertising Creative, 2nd year (prior coursework in Computer Science) East Lansing, MI · Expected May 2029

- Relevant coursework: ADV 200, ADV 205, CAS 110

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Network Technician — Self-employed Detroit area · 2021 – Present

- Provide network and IT setup for local businesses, including Sheila's Bakery LLC
- Set up workstations and POS systems, installed security cameras, ran network cabling, and organized the data closet

Infrastructure & Web Developer — One Michigan (1Michigan) Detroit, MI · June 2026 – Present

- Built and maintain a self-hosted Ubuntu Server stack (Docker Compose: Snipe-IT, MariaDB, Nginx, Flask/Python API proxy) powering the 1Mi Tools community lending library
- Published a public tools API via Cloudflare Tunnel; secured remote access with Tailscale/SSH and hardened the server with UFW, Fail2ban, and automated nightly backups
- Built ToolShare, a web app with a public browsing view and password-protected staff dashboard; maintain the organization's WordPress site
- Designed a six-week summer curriculum on identity, culture, and migration, with activities like self-portrait collages, T-shirt design, lyric writing, and a kite-flying day

Founder, Artist & Producer — KALAYDO (independent music project) August 2026 – Present

- Write and produce original music in Logic Pro across drill, house, reggaeton, R&B, trap, and rap
- Designed the KALAYDO branding, profile art, and single covers; checked the name against USPTO trademarks and streaming platforms before launch
- Built and deployed kalaydomusic.com on Cloudflare Workers with an embedded Kit (ConvertKit) email signup
- Handle the business side: registered as a sole proprietor with an EIN, and signed up with BMI and SoundExchange to collect royalties

SKILLS

Networking & infrastructure: small-business networking, Linux (Ubuntu Server), Docker Compose, Nginx, MariaDB, Cloudflare (DNS, Tunnel, Workers, Registrar), Tailscale, SSH, UFW, Fail2ban, backup automation

Development: Python (Flask), HTML/CSS/JavaScript, WordPress, REST APIs, Snipe-IT

Audio: Logic Pro, MIDI, mixing, live sound planning, acoustic treatment

Creative & business: brand and visual identity, curriculum design, music rights administration (BMI, SoundExchange), email marketing

Languages: English and Spanish (fluent)