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Education	Saigon South International School Class of 2028 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam IB Diploma Programme. High Honor Roll. HL: Economics, Mathematics (Applications and Interpretation), Psychology. SL: English Language and Literature, Mandarin B, Environmental Systems and Societies.
Products	The Debate Buddy Apr 2026 to present Founder and Developer React · TypeScript · Vite (CRXJS) · Supabase · Stripe · Next.js · Vercel Built and shipped a browser-sidebar extension that cuts evidence cards with automatic MLA citations, verifies sources, and runs a flowing assistant for timing and notes, so a debater preps and runs a round without leaving the tab. Organized into Research, Round, Organize, and Intel panels. Shipped with free and premium tiers. Own the whole stack: the extension in React and TypeScript, auth and data in Supabase, subscriptions in Stripe, and a Next.js landing site on Vercel. Build spec-first, writing the spec before the code and driving implementation with AI coding agents. Started an ambassador program that now runs on an application form on the site, with student debaters in Pakistan and Turkey plus an outreach and partnerships lead. Getting listed on ecdatabase.org became the main source of applicants. Handle marketing across Instagram, Reddit, and TikTok, cut the promo video, and run about ten cold outreach messages a week. Team members keep premium free, even after they leave. Pointer 2026 Chrome extension Press a hotkey, ask a question in plain language, and a ghost cursor points at the element you need. Guide-only, and it runs on the user's own API key so no backend holds their data.
Research	AI Credit Scoring and Borrower Transparency in Vietnam Aug 2026 to present Independent study Asking whether Vietnamese lenders using automated credit scoring publicly explain how decisions get made and how a customer can question or appeal one. Built a 12-category disclosure index scored 0 to 2 and am coding privacy policies, loan terms, and annual reports from MB, VPBank, FE Credit, Techcombank and others across 2023 to 2026, before and after the 2025 AI Law. Every score traces to a dated source and a quoted excerpt. A quarter of the sample is coded twice for reliability, and I am consulting banking faculty and a Vietnamese AI and data-law expert on the index before it is frozen. Writing starts November 2026.

Teaching and community	Pacific Links Foundation English teaching and web development Teach English through GLOW, the foundation's free bilingual self-learning platform, and help grow the 10 Minds mentoring program by recruiting and running sessions. Rebuilding both the GLOW site and the lesson plan behind it, working AI tools into how students practice alone and how volunteers prep a lesson.	2026 to present
	Free builds for Vietnamese organizations Founder Offer free web and app work to local nonprofits; currently rebuilding the site for the Ho Chi Minh City Child Welfare Association. Teach peers and younger students hands-on AI in English or Vietnamese: prompt engineering, automation, AI-assisted coding, and the failures I have caught in my own work.	2026 to present
Work	Growth Intern DevSwarm (remote) Lead campus growth for an AI development platform, driving student sign-ups across 50+ universities.	Apr 2026 to present
	Martial Arts Instructor, apprentice Shobukan Dojo Vietnam Taught classes alongside the head instructor and mentored younger students.	Jul 2021 to Jul 2022
	English Teacher, freelance Shanghai, China Taught children conversational English through play-based lessons.	2017 to 2019
Activities	Swim team captain · Aikido black belt	
Skills	Build: Swift/SwiftUI, TypeScript, Python, Rust (working), React, Next.js, Vite, Tailwind, Three.js, Tauri, Chrome extensions (MV3), Supabase, Firebase, SQLite, Stripe, StoreKit 2, LLM and agent tooling. Spoken: English (native), Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese (HSK 4).	