ZAIDA YEBOAH

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California | GPA: 3.82/4.0 **Los Angeles, CA**

Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence & Cyber Operations, Minor in Risk Management Anticipated Graduation: May 2028

Honors: CodePath Intro to Cybersecurity (Honors), Dean's List (x4), Questbridge National College Match Scholar

Affiliations: Management Leadership for Tomorrow, Gamma Iota Sigma, NSBE, Marsh P.R.E.P (Summer 2026 Series), ColorStack

Relevant Coursework: Python Programming, Information Security, Cybersecurity Management & Operations, Global Economy

Study Abroad: University of Burgundy, Dijon, France (Grade: A) May 2026 - June 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

USC CybOrg Consulting **Los Angeles, CA**

Cybersecurity Consultant February 2026 – Present

- Conduct client discovery interviews as part of a 5-person consulting team, evaluating access management practices to identify security risks and control gaps
- Develop security policies and assess governance controls to strengthen client security and SOC 2 Type II audit readiness

Extern x PwC **Remote Position**

Data Storytelling & Visualization (AI) Extern July 2026 – August 2026

- Analyzed 500 startups across 12 financial metrics using Excel PivotTables, identifying profitability drivers to shape strategic investment recommendations
- Selected as 1 of 6 from an 86-member cohort to present data-driven recommendations to 40+ attendees, including PwC professionals, using the SCQA (Situation, Complication, Question, Answer) framework and data visualization

Bulk Oil Storage & Transportation LTD **Accra, Ghana**

Corporate Planning Intern May 2025 – July 2025

- Reengineered an internal Service Level Agreement across 4+ departments, streamlining request workflows and reducing turnaround times by 1-3 weeks

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

USC TAC 370 | Information Security Plan Development - Entertainment & Media **Los Angeles, CA**

Cybersecurity Governance & Risk Analyst (Academic Project) August 2026 – Present

- Develop an Information Security Plan for a simulated streaming company across 3 countries, strengthening security governance and incident response to protect subscriber data and operations
- Assess 3 cyber risks and conduct a Business Impact Analysis (BIA) of 2 critical processes, prioritizing risk mitigation, recovery, and insurance considerations

USC TAC 325 | Enterprise Risk Assessment **Los Angeles, CA**

Cybersecurity Risk Analyst (Academic Project) January 2026 – May 2026

- Conducted penetration testing with a teammate using Nmap and Metasploit across 5 simulated enterprise environments, identifying 8 critical vulnerabilities and applying CVSS scoring to prioritize remediation
- Enumerated Windows and web-based targets via Metasploit, documenting CVE references in a 91-page risk report

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

USC Charlotta Bass Journalism & Justice Lab **Los Angeles, CA**

Senior Staff Writer September 2024 – Present

- Conduct stakeholder interviews on AI consent and privacy for the Second Draft Project, an AI-powered reparative journalism initiative supporting ethical storytelling

The Akoma Foundation **Remote Position**

Events and Logistics Coordinator November 2025 – Present

- Spearhead youth health outreach across Ghana and the U.S. with a 6-person team, supporting first-aid education for 450+ students across 9 classrooms

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Risk Management & Analytics: Cyber Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Data Analysis, Stakeholder Interviews
Technical Skills and Tools: Power BI, Python, Canva, Flourish, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace
Language & Certifications: French (Conversational), Microsoft 365 Excel Essential Training, IBM AI Fundamentals
Interests: AI, Cybercrime, Marginalia, Faith-Based Literature, Shonen Anime, Mango Gelato (especially from Amorino)