Real Jobs RI Success Story: Michael Huber

Michael is a journalist, programmer, and information security professional with a B.A in Journalism from Roger Williams University and a B.S in Computer Science from Johnson & Wales University (JWU). He looks at the world and problems in a very different, logical, and inquisitive way, and has a passion for addressing issues of concern that he sees as important for the communities and people around him to understand while also defending the right to protect people and their information and privacy from threats global and domestic. Michael chose to focus on information security and cyber intelligence because the spread of sensitive information, or the misuse of that information by threat actors to spread lies, discord, and even threaten the lives of people around the world are the very things that a journalist has always sought to defend against.

In June 2019, he contacted SENEDIA interested in the Security+ training SENEDIA offers through our Real Jobs RI Defense Industry Partnership grant. After he completed the first module online, he expressed interest in a SENEDIA internship, also offered through the grant which pays for the intern’s stipend. While interning at I Square Systems, LLC, he was able to get a grasp on risk, security, and military policy for defense contractors by analyzing the varying NIST, Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification, and Defense Information Systems Agency requirements, resources and templates for the company’s annual security impact assessment.

In May 2020, he graduated from JWU Magna Cum Laude with an honors society membership and an awesome job as a full-time Information Assurance Security Analyst at Northrop Grumman in Middletown. “I owe so much to all you and SENEDIA did for me with my internship and skills building. I wouldn’t be able to have a job like this without you getting me the internship at I Square with Tim...because you and Tim took a chance on me and gave me the absolute best internship.”