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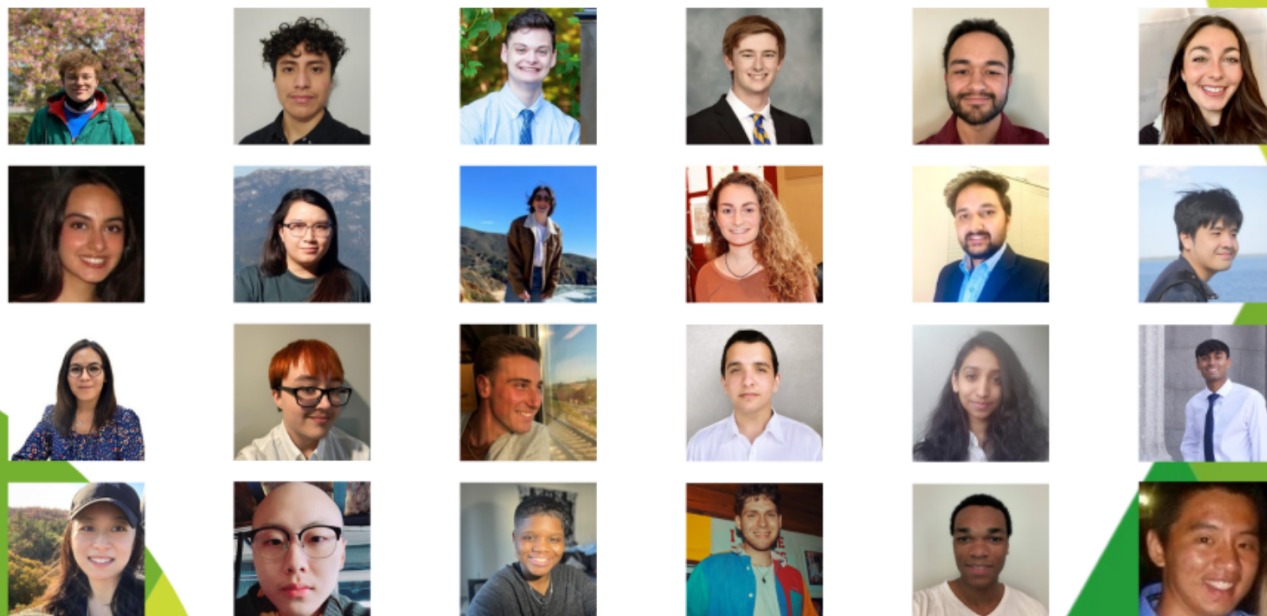**Meet Our Newest IT Co-Ops**

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RBS IT Co-Ops

Retail Business Services welcomed 24 IT Co-Ops last week. This talented group of individuals is spread across a diverse range of teams, ranging from UX/UI Design, Data Engineering, Supply Chain Analytics, Cloud Engineering and so much more.

"Co-ops are just starting out in their careers and have such great energy that they bring into the organization," said Early Talent Manager Emily Marczak. "They have been learning all the latest and greatest technologies in school and their own curiosity, but this program allows them to apply those skills to real problems and projects. They learn different ways to use their skills and of course get excited to learn new skills."

The Co-Op program helps participants to build upon their extensive technical knowledge while participating in learning opportunities about giving and receiving feedback, navigating change and influencing without authority. These sessions help set participants up to successfully enter the workplace and feel confident in their ability to communicate ideas.

"Through the learning opportunities, meaningful project work, one-on-one mentoring with teams, and networking opportunities, these associates are bringing positive energy, innovation and greater impact to our work," said Emily.

Meet our new Co-Ops below:

Benjamin Decker, *UX/UI Designer*

Bachelor's degree in UX design at University of Michigan

"I am looking forward to working in a creative, collaborative environment with the UX design team. Also, I hope to learn more about UX and my co-workers by attending office hours."

Brian Montecinos-Velazquez, *Cloud Engineer*

Master's degree in computer science at West Chester University of Pennsylvania

"I aspire to gain valuable insight and guidance from the cloud engineering team. I hope to expand my knowledge and skillset to provide real value to the company."

Cameron Sivo, *Data Engineering*

Bachelor's degree in computer science at Northeastern University

"I'm really looking forward to gaining more experience in the industry and meeting other people as driven as I am!"

Charlie Baker, *Software Developer – Merchandising*

Bachelor's degree in computer science at Rochester Institute of Technology

"I'm looking forward to building strong and meaningful relationships with team members - learning how to be great team member."

Chevy Bolay, *UX/UI Designer*

Bachelor's degree in human-centered computing at Rochester Institute of Technology

"I am most interested in the prospect of learning the processes behind designing for interfaces outside of web and mobile, such as POS systems, ordering handhelds, receiving handhelds, and anything else that the stores may use. I am also eager to work in a specific team dedicated to interface design, as my last internship did not have a team dedicated to either UI or UX."

Christina Greco, *UX/UI Designer*

Bachelor's degree in economics and psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

"I am really looking forward to growing my user research skills and further understanding the best techniques to learn about user wants and needs. I am also very excited to assist with UI and get to see design ideas come to life! Most importantly, I'm looking forward to working with like-minded individuals and learning with/from them."

Guari Sarin, *Data Engineering*

Bachelor's degree in computer science at Northeastern University

"I am looking forward to gaining experience and learning new things which will further aid me in my job application process and future job."

HoMei Leung, *UX/UI Designer*

Bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

"My learning goals include gaining experience working on a product team, solving problems with user-centric designs and making a positive impact."

Isabella Fisch, *Data Engineering Process Mining*

Bachelor's degree in data science and psychology at Northeastern University

"I am excited to learn more about the field of data engineering and apply some of the skills I've learned from the classroom into the real world."

Katerina Thano, *Supply Chain Analytics*

Bachelor's degree in data science and business at Northeastern University

"I'm very excited to apply my existing data science skills in real-world applications within the supply chain field!"

Kiran Gosavi, *Supply Chain Analytics*

Master's degree in management science at University of Texas at Dallas

"I would like to gain exposure on handling and manipulating supply chain technical datasets by deploying analytical tools and techniques."

Lam Pham, *QA Software Tester*

Master's degree in computer science at Tufts University

"I am looking forward to learning a lot from everyone."

Mahbeigom Fayyazi, *QA Software Tester*

Master's degree in data science at Rochester Institute of Technology

"As a student from Afghanistan pursuing a master's degree in data science, I am looking forward to the Co-op program as an opportunity to gain practical experience and further develop my skills in the field. This program is an integral part of my academic program, and I am excited to have the chance to work alongside experienced data engineers at Retail Business Services."

Matthew Jacobs, *Software Developer – Merchandising*

Bachelor's degree in game design and development at Rochester Institute of Technology

"I'm excited to be working with professionals in a field that I love and gaining more experience in the environment to better myself as a growing software developer. I adore learning new things and expanding my knowledge in all aspects of computer science."

Mitch Leahy, *Data Engineering*

Master's degree in data science at Northeastern University

I am looking forward to learning from fellow team members, helping me to identify if data engineering is my ideal career path."

Mohamad El Nayal, *Software Developer – Solutions Development*

Bachelor's degree in computer science at Northeastern University

"The thing I am looking forward to most about the Co-op program is to develop my teamwork skills in a professional setting while getting mentorship from experienced team members!"

Nikitha Akarapu, *Supply Chain Analytics*

Master's degree in business Analytics at the University of Texas at Dallas

"I am looking forward to gaining exposure to supply chain terminologies, documenting them, and interacting with the technical stakeholders for requirement gathering. I am excited to implement forecasting techniques and research the supply chain data model."

Ronit Thummaluru, *IT Financial Project Analyst*

Bachelor's degree in computer science & Finance at Northeastern University

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and gaining new experiences in the finance field!"

Ruoyuan Du, *Data Engineer*

Master's degree in data science at Tufts University

"I'm excited to join this CO-OP program to work on real life retail business projects, connect with talented people at work, learn to communicate and work efficiently in large teams, solve problems and contribute to the company."

Stephen Yang, *Data Engineering*

Master's degree in applied data analytics at Boston University

"I am most looking forward to gaining skills with data engineering."

Triana Springfield, *Cloud Engineering*

Master's degree in information technology at Southern New Hampshire University

"I am looking forward to the journey of learning new things within my chosen career field! Every day I will be growing in ways that will have a positive impact in my professional and personal life. I look forward to learning new things and meeting new people."

Wes Jacey, *UX/UI Designer*

Bachelor's degree in digital marketing and industrial design at the University of Connecticut

"I am excited to learn how a product team works together. I want to develop communication skills with developers, product managers, and other designers. I don't have a lot of experience in working in design teams larger than 3-4 people, so I'm excited to learn. I am also excited to be enriched in the e-commerce side of design, and especially learn more about the grocery retail industry."

William Speight, *Software Developer – Solutions Development*

Bachelor's degree in computer science at University of North Carolina Charlotte

"I am looking forward to working on engaging projects."

Yan Ling, *Supply Chain Analytics*

Master's degree in business administration at Northeastern University

"I'm most looking forward to working on demand forecasting and collaborating with my team."