

# Matthew Sexton

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Cyber Defense student with hands-on experience building and managing advanced virtual lab environments to simulate real-world attack and defense scenarios. Currently working as a Help Desk Technician supporting Windows and Linux systems across a county-wide environment. Strong foundation in incident response, network security, and system administration, with a focus on transitioning into a SOC Analyst or cybersecurity role.

## EDUCATION

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### Davenport University, Midland, MI — Bachelor of Science in Cyber Defense (Expected April 2026)

- GPA: 3.86
- Health Care Information Assurance Specialty, Information Assurance Specialty
- President's List (3 semesters)
- Member of: National Society of Leadership and Success, Tri-Alpha
- Relevant Coursework: Cryptography, Information Security & Assurance, Incident Response, Network Intrusion, Health Care Organizations & Systems

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Security: Incident Response, Firewall Management, Disaster Recovery
- Networking: Network Configuration, TCP/IP, VLANs
- Tools: Wireshark, Nmap, Metasploit, TryHackMe
- Systems: Windows Server, Linux, VMware, VirtualBox, Proxmox

## CYBERSECURITY LAB & TRAINING PROJECTS

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- Designed and managed a multi-node virtualization environment using Proxmox, including dedicated clusters for SOC operations, penetration testing, and infrastructure services
- Built and segmented virtual networks to simulate enterprise environments, supporting both defensive (SOC monitoring) and offensive (red team/pentesting) scenarios
- Deployed and utilized security tools and systems across the lab environment to perform threat detection, analysis, and simulated attack techniques
- Conducted penetration testing activities including reconnaissance, vulnerability scanning, exploitation, and privilege escalation using tools such as Nmap and Metasploit
- Completed 100+ hours of structured hands-on cybersecurity training through TryHackMe

## EXPERIENCE

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### Tuscola County — Help Desk Technician (Aug 2025 - Present)

- Provide technical support across Windows and Linux environments, resolving hardware and software issues
- Install, configure, and deploy PCs, servers, and peripherals
- Assist with network troubleshooting and system maintenance to minimize downtime
- Maintain asset inventory and generate technical reports

### Culver's — Crew Chief (Apr 2023 - Aug 2025)

- Supervised a 12-member team and maintained daily operations
- Trained new employees and ensured consistent procedures

### United States Marine Corps — Team Leader (2013 - 2017)

- Led and mentored a team in high-pressure environments
- Planned and executed operations requiring discipline and precision