Ronan Schuster

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EDUCATION

Virginia Tech - Pamplin College of Business **Expected Graduation:** December 2027
B.S. Business Information Technology, Operations and Supply Chain Management
GPA: 3.79/4.00
First Generation College Student | Dean's List All Semesters
Relevant Coursework: Operations and Supply Chain Management, Data Analytics & Modeling, Business Management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Operations and Supply Chain Intern **| SMS Rail Service, Inc.,** Bridgeport, NJ May 2026 - July 2026

- Rotated through all functions of a short-line freight railroad (yard/depot ops, track maintenance and inspection, transload/ISO depot, and commercial pricing) over 10 weeks following FRA and OSHA safety orientation.
- Digitized the railroad's 92-day locomotive inspection form and designed a workflow to auto-populate a Word template and route generated PDF reports to leadership, replacing a manual paper process for 10+ locomotives.
- Authored an operational improvement memo after observing a live yard spill, proposing containment berms at railcar transload friction points to reduce remediation cost and crew exposure; presented findings and recommendations to company leadership.

Grounds Crew **| Chester Valley Golf Club,** Malvern, PA Summers 2023 - 2026

Line Cook | **The Stables Kitchen and Beer Garden,** Chester Springs, PA June 2026 - July 2026

- Worked 5:30 AM grounds maintenance shifts across four consecutive summers and worked the pizza/fryer station Thursday through Sunday alongside full-time hourly crews while completing the SMS Rail Service internship.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Founder **| Pulseboard LLC (PulseBoard),** Downingtown, PA May 2026 - August 2026

- Built and shipped a B2B SaaS product end to end: an ETL pipeline pulling transaction-level POS data through the Square API into Supabase, generating automated weekly operations reports for small brick-and-mortar retailers.
- Ran five discovery interviews with local business owners, using their most common pain points to decide which metrics the weekly report tracks; prioritizing depth over volume and targeting a single design partner to run the product end to end before scaling.
- Incorporated a Pennsylvania LLC and negotiated an independent third-party security audit on a deferred revenue-share contract; implemented endpoint rate limiting, input sanitization, and environment-variable secret management.

LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONS

Elected Fraternity Education Chair **| Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity** at Virginia Tech November 2025 - Present

- Redesigned and now leading the chapter's Associate Member education program, running 8 education sessions each semester for roughly 15 new members at a time.
- Represented the Sigma-Lambda chapter at Lambda Chi Alpha's 61st General Assembly & Stead Leadership Seminar (Kansas City, 2026), the fraternity's premier international leadership conference.

Judicial Board Justice **| Inter Fraternity Council** at Virginia Tech Spring 2026 - Present

Member **| Association for Supply Chain Management** at Virginia Tech Spring 2026 - Present

SKILLS & OTHER

- **Data & Analysis:** Excel (advanced: Power Query, Solver, pivot modeling) | Linear and integer programming | Power Automate/Power Platform | Microsoft Office Suite | SQL | Bizagi Modeler | Agentic AI (Claude)
- **Operations & Safety**: FRA & OSHA safety orientation | Yard/Depot operations | Transload & intermodal transfer
- **Work Authorization:** Dual citizen, United States and Germany (authorized to work in both the US and EU).
- **Interests:** Golf, DJing, Ice Hockey, Traveling, and my dog.