Austin Stevens

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AI product builder who takes ownership, tests concepts with customers, and ships tools teams use.

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville | Chancellor's Honors Program
B.S. in Applied Artificial Intelligence, 4.0 GPA | Expected May 2027

EXPERIENCE

The Home Depot | Atlanta, GA / Remote
Intern (extended) | AI & Automation Enablement, Interconnected Retail *Aug 2026 – Present*

- Built checks that flagged 100+ defects in AI-generated supplier reports. Critical findings prompted a rollout pause, and IT adopted the checks for release sign-off.
- Built six workflow tools and packages used by IT and the enablement team to validate outputs and route defects.
- Partnered with product managers and IT to define metric calculations and trace defects to business rules or data sources, informing how to scale the AI tool.
- Developing evaluation criteria and a scoring method for AI-generated supplier emails.

Brand Advocate Intern | AI Product & Data Analytics, Online / Pro *May 2026 – Aug 2026*

- Helped design a guided intake for product recommendations. In customer testing, Pros favored the approach, and the team incorporated it into the product.
- Built a recommendation engine that generated 5,000+ product suggestions from 8.9 million records and 45 pages of scoring rules. Its output now informs recommendations in the product backend.
- Led a three-person review of 39 competitor product pages and proposed category-specific experiments and quality criteria for The Home Depot's AI assistant.
- Led a seven-person team to second place in an intern innovation competition.

Love's Travel Stops Knoxville, TN
Extended Retail Management Internship *May 2025 – Oct 2026*

- Presented wage benchmarks from 85+ companies to the regional VP. The analysis helped secure a $1.50 hourly raise for 100+ employees.
- Pitched a food-service workflow improvement to the CTO. Love's later piloted the concept.
- Served as acting GM 15+ times and hired four interns who took over the internship's responsibilities.

AP Visions Knoxville, TN
Founder & Lead Digital Marketing Strategist *Apr 2023 – Aug 2025*

- Founded a digital marketing agency with three retained clients and $2K in peak monthly revenue. Ran A/B tests.

LEADERSHIP

OpenAI Student Collective Knoxville, TN
Campus Lead | University of Tennessee, Knoxville *Sep 2026 – Present*

- Taught 400+ attendees how to build applications in hands-on workshops.
- Co-designed a semester plan for four workshops, eight Studio Hours, and a student showcase.

SKILLS

Product Management Customer discovery, prototyping, competitive analysis, experiment design
Technical AI-assisted development, AI output evaluation, data validation, foundational SQL and Python