# ANDREW VELLA

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# **EDUCATION**

# Skidmore College | Saratoga Springs, NY

**Graduated March 2022** 

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science**

Relevant Coursework: Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Computability, Linear Algebra, Computer Organization,
Programming Languages, Computer Science I & II, Intro to Python and Data Science

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IRVING MEDICAL CENTER | Guest Speaker for Ask the Experts Day | New York, NY

2025

- Visited students in training to be Physical Therapists, supervised by Hannah Gallant, PT, DPT, PCS
- Spoke about my lived experiences and conducted Q&A
- Participated in evaluations conducted by students

# Americorps Fellow | Algebra 1 Tutor | New York, NY

2023

- Served as an Americorps Fellow tutoring highschool freshman in Algebra 1
- Planned lessons, graded proficiency, called parents, and managed groups of 5
- Planned Critical Thinking Tasks, Do Nows, and Group Activities

# Brooklyn College | Guest Speaker | Brooklyn, NY

**Spring 2022** 

- Two-time guest speaker for Dr. Magdalena Oledzka's class, "Motor Development and Learning" at Brooklyn College.
- Spoke about my lived experiences and conducted Q&A

# MARYMOUNT SCHOOL OF NEW YORK | Teacher's Assistant | New York, NY

June - July 2021

- Teacher's Assistant for Advanced Drama III, a course geared toward preparing students for the stage.
- Supervised students ages 12 to 16 years; lead theater activities and improv games.
- Designed the playbill for the school production, *Into the Woods*.

#### THE CODING SPACE | Teacher | New York, NY

**November 2020 – April 2021** 

- Taught over 15 children ages 6 to 14 years (in smaller groups of 3 to 5 students) at The Coding Space, an afterschool and summer program offering elective courses in the fundamentals of computer programming.
- Authored two "un-tutorials" (projects at a specific level of difficulty with Socratic guidance), designed for students to practice and develop newly learned skills during class activity. Topics included: Functions, Variables, Loops, Control Flow
- Guided students in Scratch, Python, and WoofJS (a language for transitioning from Scratch to JavaScript).

# Freelance | Tech Support Personnel | Long Island, NY

**Summer 2020** 

- Provided technical support for elderly neighbors during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Assisted in setting up devices, navigating the Mac Operating System, installing software updates, guided user interface tours, setting up accounts, downloading apps, general troubleshooting.

#### Freelance | Dog Sitter | New York, NY

**Summer 2019** 

• Cared for elderly dogs, including comfort, hygiene, and routine walks.

#### STAND UP AND LEARN | Volunteer | Nantucket, MA

March 2019

- Worked at a stand-up comedy workshop for children ages 8 to 15 years, with the goal of instilling confidence and public speaking skills in the students such that they could perform a routine on a stage, unaided.
- Assisted head instructor with supervising students and developing comedic routines in tandem with professional comedians.

# **PROJECTS**

# Website | HTML / Python

2023

- This is a website I have created on Github.
- It includes a bio and a list of my programming projects, such as my password manager app.

# WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

2022- Present

• I photograph birds, flowers, squirrels and insects, links on my website

# **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- Video game design and development, including music, art, and computer programming
- Birdwatching and wildlife photography
- Tutoring in computer programming and game development
- Singing and piano; theater and performance