

# DAVID A. AVILA

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## Profile

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Bachelor's student majoring in Data Science at Dominican University with a background in food and beverage/hospitality service. Eager to leverage skills in problem-solving, adaptability, and collaboration to contribute to transformative projects in the field of Artificial Intelligence. A current TheDream.US. scholar. Fluent in Spanish, English, and learning French.

## Education

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### **Dominican University | River Forest, IL**

Bachelor's in Data Science, Expected May 2026

### **Technical College of The Lowcountry | Beaufort, SC**

Associate in Science (no degree granted), May 2022

## Technological Skills

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- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access
- Basic proficient in Java Programming
- Basic knowledge of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

## Work Experience

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### **Orientation Leader | River Forest, IL** **Student Orientation Advising** **Registration**

05/2024 - Present

- Guide new students during SOAR orientation, leading activities and discussions to facilitate their transition to Dominican University.
- Enhance summer experiences for residents and attendees, maintain residence halls and collaborate with university staff.
- Demonstrate leadership and communication skills, serving as a role model and resource for new students and their families.

### **Dominican University | River Forest, IL** **Undocu-Marketing Intern (NEBO)**

02/2024 - 05/2024

- Drafted and created marketing material for the 2024 Undocumented Student Resource Fair at Dominican University.
- Effectively communicated via email and Microsoft Teams with the director to coordinate the organization of the fair.

### **Poseidon Coastal Cuisine | Hilton Head Island, SC**

#### **Busser/Server/Host**

04/2017 - 08/2023

- Maintained high turnover rate and minimized wait times by clearing tables.
- Provided exceptional customer service by assisting teammates and welcoming guests in a hospitable manner.

### **Westin Resort | Hilton Head Island, SC** **Front Desk / Guest Services**

02/2022 - 07/2022

- Delivered a wide range of services to ensure a memorable and unique guest experience, from check-in to check-out.
- Took initiative to address guest requests, process operational needs, complete reports, and share local area highlights, enhancing guest satisfaction.
- Maintained a professional and safe work environment by following company policies, upholding quality standards, and ensuring professional appearance and communication.

## Clubs and Organizations

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### Center for Cultural Liberation

#### **Student advocate**

04/2022 – present

- Participated in the setup, operation, and take down of the 2023 Undocumented Graduation.
- Assisted with various events supporting immigrant communities and social justice causes such as I Stand with Immigrants Day of Action, Ofrenda planning and building, and voices for Palestine.

### Community Actions Network (CAN)

#### **Student Advocate**

11/2023 – present

- Engaged in various volunteering opportunities and advocated for social justice causes such as Take Back the Night, Know Your Rights, Coming out of the Shadows, and Work Permits For All.
- Contributed to the creation of marketing materials for rallies and protests for various causes.

### Other Opportunities

#### **Student Advocate**

08/2022 – present

- Assisted in organizing collaborative initiatives and participated in student focus groups.
- Advocated in Washington D.C. alongside FWD.US in November 2023 for bipartisan consensus on DACA.
- Collaborated with Illinois public office holders such as Senator Dick Durbin, State Representatives Brad Schneider and Chui Garcia.

## Awards in Education

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### TheDream.US Opportunity Scholarship

08/2022 – 05/2026

### Donna Carroll Endowed Scholar

08/2022 – 05/2026

### DU St. Dominic Scholarship

08/2022 – 05/2026