

# Samuel Orellana Mateo

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## EDUCATION

### Duke University (GPA 4.0)

Durham, NC

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*

*Aug. 2023 – May 2027*

- Mathematics coursework: Linear Algebra & Applications, Advanced Problem Solving Seminar (Putnam preparation), Advanced Multivariable Calculus, Advanced Introduction to Probability
- Computer Science coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Architecture

### Padre Luis Coloma High School

Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

*International Baccalaureate (Score 42/45), Spanish Baccalaureate (Score 10/10, Honor Roll)*

*Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2023*

## AWARDS

### Score 31/120 (top 378 or 10% out of 3,857 participants)

Durham, NC

*William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition*

*Dec. 2023*

### 3 silver medals (top 13, top 12 and top 16)

León, Huelva, Elche and Almería, Spain

*LVI, LVII, LVIII and LIX Spanish Mathematical Olympiad*

*2019 – 2023*

- Qualifying competition to determine the Spanish team for the International Mathematical Olympiad
- Best historical regional competitor in the Andalusian Mathematical Olympiad: top 1, top 2, top 7 and top 6
- Top 1 in the I Andalusian Problem Solving Camp
- Best historical provincial competitor in the local Mathematical Olympiad (Cádiz): four times top 1

### Spanish preparation for the International Mathematical Olympiad

Barcelona, Spain

*International Mathematical Olympiad*

*Summer 2022 and 2023*

- Invited to take one week of intensive classes (8 hours per day) taught by the best Spanish ex-olympians

### 2 first prizes

Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

*Contest for Young Researchers (II and III Edition) - Ateneo de Jerez*

*Jun. 2022 – Jun. 2023*

- III Edition Paper title: “Study of the number of paths through an  $n \times n$  grid traversed by a diagonal”
- II Edition Paper title: “Effectiveness of algebra and synthetic geometry methods in solving complex number problems”

### Bronze medal (top 27)

Lugo, Spain

*XXXIV Spanish Physics Olympiad*

*Apr. 2023*

- Top 1 in the provincial (Cádiz) Olympiad

### Bronze certificate and top 5 in Spain

Requena, Spain

*XXV Mediterranean Mathematical Olympiad*

*Apr. 2022*

- Most competitive mathematical olympiad for countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea

### National Winner, Regional Winner and Provincial Paco Anillo Award

Jaen, Córdoba and Cádiz, Spain

*XXX National Mathematical Olympiad*

*Jun. 2019*

- Most competitive mathematical olympiad for Grade 8 students in Spain

## RESEARCH

### Harmonic conjugate projection as a problem solving method

Grade A

*Mathematics Analysis and Approaches Higher Level, International Baccalaureate*

*2021 – 2023*

### Study on the effectiveness of cobalt in reducing toxicity in fish tanks

Grade 24/24

*Chemistry Standard Level, International Baccalaureate*

*2021 – 2023*

## EXPERIENCE

### [Paid] Private Tutor

Remote

*Self-Employed*

*Jun. 2022 – present*

- Provide in-depth explanations of IB curriculum topics during hour-long sessions, ensuring students' understanding
- Offer guidance and support in the formulation and development of research projects, specifically IB Internal Assessments

### [Volunteer] Duke Math Meet Organizer

Durham, NC

*Duke University*

*Nov. 2023*

- Created challenging mathematical problems utilized in the competition and graded students' answers
- Assisted in coordinating merchandise distribution, setting up lunch tables, and managing paperwork distribution at the desk
- Facilitated the distribution of examination materials and provided support in proctoring during the actual competition

### [Volunteer] Math Olympiad Coach

Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

*Padre Luis Coloma High School*

*Sep. 2022 – Jun. 2023*

- Instructed two weekly classes on problem-solving techniques and approaches relevant to Olympiad-style problems
- Authored instructional documents to aid in concept review and provided materials such as compiled books and papers

## LANGUAGES, SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Languages:** *Native:* Spanish, *Fluent:* English, *Beginner:* Catalan, Russian, French

**Skills:** Python, Java, C, C++, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, CSS

**Interests:** Music, Rubik's cubes, Language learning, Hiking, Rock Climbing, Video games