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SUMMARY

Resourceful and self-driven **Front-End Web Developer** with hands-on experience building 25+ full-stack applications through The Knowledge House Innovation Fellowship. Skilled in JavaScript, React, Node.js, and modern developer tools. Recognized for strong problem-solving, collaboration, and the ability to create responsive, user-focused interfaces. Seeking a Front-End Developer role where I can contribute clean, maintainable code and support cross-functional teams.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks: JavaScript (ES6+), React, Node.js, HTML5, CSS3

Tools & Platforms: Git, GitHub, VS Code, Figma

Core Competencies: Responsive UI, API Integration, Component Architecture, Agile, Debugging

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Disney Character Search App — Frontend Developer

Tech: JavaScript, HTML, CSS, API Integration

- Built an interactive search tool using Disney API to filter characters by name and category.
- Added input debouncing reducing unnecessary API calls by **40%** and improving UX.
- Improved UI responsiveness and accessibility across mobile and desktop devices.

Chef Marco's Italian Bistro API — Backend Developer

Tech: Node.js, Express.js, Prisma, SQL

- Developed REST API endpoints improving data retrieval efficiency by **30%**.
- Implemented validation and error-handling middleware increasing stability.
- Collaborated using Agile & GitHub Flow (feature → develop → main)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Healthcare Group — Los Angeles, CA

Sr. Claims Specialist, Audit Team | Oct 2022 – Present

- Identified recurring claim-processing errors and refined workflows, reducing discrepancies by **15%**.
- Conduct audits ensuring regulatory compliance and improved accuracy metrics.
- Investigated claim issues and created data-backed reports to guide manager decisions.
- Communicated audit trends resulting in updated training materials and policy improvements.

The Watkins Group & Associates, LLC — Los Angeles, CA

Director of Wealth Management | Dec 2016 – Mar 2019

- Developed investment strategies supporting client retention and portfolio growth.
- Trained staff on wealth management concepts increasing referrals and client engagement.
- Integrated initiatives into marketing campaigns generating **20%** more inquiries.
- Built relationships contributing to **one-third (~33%)** of the firm's managed assets.

EDUCATION

The Knowledge House — Innovation Fellowship

Expected Graduation: December 2025

- 400+ hours of full-stack training in JavaScript, React, and Node.
- Built 25+ apps; collaborated using Agile, GitHub, standups, and pull requests.

University of Phoenix — Los Angeles, CA Master of Business Administration (MBA)

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)** Bachelor's Degree in Sociology