# MELISSA PANIAGUA-RAMIREZ

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#### **EDUCATION**

Master of Science in Business Analytics, degree anticipated Aug. 2021

Kent State University, Kent, OH, USA

Certificate in Data Analytics, Dec. 2019

Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, IN, USA

GPA: 3.96/4.00

Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Dec. 2015

University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

GPA: 8.37/10.00

#### COMPUTING SKILLS

Advanced Microsoft Office Suite

Intermediate R, Tableau, Google Data Studio, Oracle Database 11g Express, MvSQL, Microsoft SQL Server 2017

Python, AWS (S3, Athena, Quick Sight), Google BigQuery, Rapid Miner Studio, SQL Developer Basic

# PROJECTS (SEE MORE AT GITHUB MELISSAPR24)

# American Universities Clustering Model

Implemented unsupervised K-means model to cluster universities based on different measurements to get insights and make predictions.

# Flight Status Classification Model

Classified flight status utilizing Naive Bayes supervised model to predict if a new flight with be classified as delayed or on-time.

#### Transportation Problem in LP

· Developed a LP model to find the optimal solution to minimize the combine cost of production from each plant and shipping to different warehouses.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Data Analyst Starting Nov. 2nd 2020 Data Management & Analyst Team, Kent State University. Kent, OH

· Cognos Analytics reports and PowerBI dashboards to suit the business needs. More details TBD.

Reporting Analyst - Data Visualization — Ad honorem

Nov. 2019 - Jun. 2020 Charles F. Day & Associates LLC West Lafayette, IN

- · Tested dashboards and created interactive data visualization utilizing Tableau, QuickSight, and Google Data Studio.
- · Performed data cleaning and data parsing with R for big data sets.
- · Analyzed complex data sets by performing SQL queries on Athena.
- · Built a Sankey flow Diagram to understand Americans' academic path and identify the highest dropout rates to help a client design scenarios to focus its resources on a better-defined target market and reduce this gap.

Research Assistant Aug. 2019 - Jun. 2020 Vernon Smith Experimental Economics Laboratory, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN

- · Assisted researchers who conduct behavioral research in a variety of economics and management areas.
- · Efficiently recruited more than 50 participants for deploying different experiments.
- · Tested computer labs to ensure the accuracy and performance of the tools utilized during the experiments.

Research Assistant Aug.- Nov. 2017 Effects of Joining a Multinational Supply Chain in Costa Rica Research Project West Lafayette, IN

- · Successfully assisted the research agenda related to projects using Costa Rican administrative data.
- $\cdot$  Collaborated with data cleaning and data collection from more than 1000 enterprises for statistical analysis.
- · Accurately collected vital enterprise information for the research project goals.

#### Administrative Assistant

Mar. - Jun. 2015

Enrollment & Information Office at the University of Costa Rica

Puntarenas, Costa Rica

- · Provided exceptional customer service solving student's needs.
- · Utilized organizational skills when providing support to manage students' academic records.
- · Facilitated an orientation event for 100 people.
- · Implemented different research methods such as interviews, focus groups, observation, and surveys to evaluate the department's activities and look for insights to enhance the university's objectives.

#### **Data Entry Internship**

Aug.- Nov. 2014

Popular Bank & Community Development of Costa Rica

Puntarenas, Costa Rica

- · Expeditiously assisted the finance company to switch more than 2000 customers' data into from physical files into a computer-based system ensuring data integrity.
- · Accurately entered over 150 records per day to achieve the company's goals.
- · Assisted the company with diligent customer service.

#### LANGUAGES

Spanish Native

English Full Professional Proficiency

## RELEVANT ACADEMIC COURSEWORK

Fundamentals of Machine Learning Marketing Research Management

Quantitative Management and Data Modeling Quantitative Methods for Decision Making

Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing Cost Analysis for Decision Making

Microsoft SQL Server Maintenance Business Analytics

Data Management using Structure Query Language Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

# VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

# Research Lead in a non-profit organization

Aug. 2020 - Present

Mar. 2019

Costa Rican Women in Data Science, Costa Rica

#### Women in Data Science Conference

Purdue University, IN

Student Leadership Conference Nov. 2018

 $Marriot\ East\ Hotel,\ Indianapolis,\ IN$ 

Student Leadership Academy Oct.- Nov. 2018

Ivy Tech Community College, IN

English as a Second Language 2016 - 2017

Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, IN

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Administrative support in a non-profit medical facility
Accompany Me Association: Pain Control and Palliative Care, Alajuela, Costa Rica

## **AWARDS**

## M.S. in Business Analytics Academic Excellence Scholarship

Aug. 2020

Mar. - Jul. 2014

Kent State University, OH

# First Place 2019 Statewide IT Challenge

Apr. 2019

Ivy Tech Community College, IN

# First Place Expo Innova. Project: GuanaLife

Jun. 2014

University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

#### First Place Expo Innova. Project: Naramky

Jun. 2011

University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica