The name is Salvador Villalon. Got it memorized?

Hello my name is Salvador Villalon and this is my about me page!

**Things that have helped me become who I am.**

As you can see from the above line it is similar to what a character says in one of my favorite video games series – Kingdom Hearts. I am particularly fond with RPG games because they taught me this idea of growing up and overcoming challenges. One that I grew up with and taught me this idea is Pokémon. As I was going through my years in high school and when it came to my senior year, an idea struck me that me realize what Pokémon was really all about. It is just more than a simple game where you catch creatures and become stronger that everyone else. It has a deeper meaning that I still have not fully discovered. My love for Pokémon took me to writing an essay for my college writing class and a creating my own Pokémon game! (link).

Videogames are not the only thing that have impacted my life…another important aspect was Tennis. Tennis and my coach in high school made me realize that it does not matter where you come from, it does not matter if you did not have the best education in high school. What matters is your dedication and hard work that you put in it. It is about the “Come Back” that you can make, even when all the odds are against you. Tennis became an important of my life, that it was the topic for my personal statements for college applications! You can read about it here! (link)

**In the present**

With this idea in mind I decided to try Computer Science. Even without having a slight idea that coding even existed, I am still going to give it a try. I may have taken a course at UCI during the Summer, but I know that there is more to coding that just doing computations. I plan to discover those secrets as Computer Science major. I recently started looking at YouTube tutorials and taking lessons in Code Academy. I can say that it is has been fun! I am really excited to learn about the things that I can do with programming. I know that I can create something that anyone can benefit from.

When I am not studying for long hours or being excited about working at the Office of the Dean as the new Administrator Intern, you can find in the early morning biking/running long distances and doing bodyweight circuit training. Throughout the day I take my time to learn new programming languages (I want to learn each and every one!) and editing my website. Sometimes in the afternoon you can see me playing tennis!

**Cool Stuff About Me**

I was raised in lovely Calexico, California (link) where hard-working people come from. I am currently a Sophomore at the University of California, Irvine. I am Undecided/Undeclared, but you already know where I will end up, Computer Science!

**Thank you**

Thank you for reading this far! I am trying my best to edit my website! If you have time and would like to give me some feedback, that will be greatly appreciated! For reading this far, I am going to leave you with quote that defines how I carry myself every day.

**“Failing is just another word for growing** **and you keep going.**

**This is learning”**

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About Me

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Goal for the Year: My goal this year for AAN is for other new member to realize and value the idea behind all the opportunities that are possible thanks to the generosity of our donors. They are the ones that make it possible for us to have a UCI that it now ranks 9th against many other universities!

Fun Fact:

Fun Fact: I am particularly fond of RPG games because they showed me the value of growing up and overcoming challenges. One game is particular was Pokémon. As I was going through my years in high school and when it came to my senior year, an idea struck me that made me realize what Pokémon was really all about. Its reflects on the journey of life that we all take! I even wrote an essay about it! If you want to read it just let me know!

no I didn't, here is an example of what we're looking for: Hello! My name is Pauline Nguyen and I am a 3rd year majoring in Comparative Literature and minoring in Business Management. I have a huge passion for the law and for helping others and I want to apply to go to law school after graduating from UCI. Aside from being a proud Anteater Ambassador, I am a part of other great campus organizations as well. I am a member of the UCI Campuswide Honors Program as well the editor-in-chief of its creative works journal, the Neon Anteater Renaissance. I am a lead teaching assistant with UCI Law School's Saturday Academy of Law program and an undergraduate researcher under the Department of Asian American Studies. I am also interning at a local law firm in Irvine. I love UCI and am so happy to be able to contribute back as an ambassador!

Hello! My name is Salvador Villalon and I am Sophmore at UCI. I am currently Undecided/Undeclared, but I am leaning towards Computer Science. Aside from being a student at the UCI, I am also the Secretary for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, a Freshman Mentor for the Undecided/Undeclared Mentorship Program, and I am going to be an intern at the office of the Associate Dean of Students. All these positions will help me prepare for life after graduation! I am excited to be part of this school and be an ambassador for Anteater Ambassador Network!  
Let’s make this a great year!