

LAURA GOMEZ

CEO OF ATIPICA (TECH STARTUP)

At age 8, Gomez immigrated to the US from Mexico, settling in Silicon Valley. She was an undocumented immigrant until she was 17, when she attained a work permit and began a software engineering internship at Hewlett Packard. She remembers how during her internship, she stood out because she was a woman and a minority. She recalls, "I was determined to not let the industry make me into a victim. I decided that I'd work in tech, whether the industry embraced me or not." She eventually created her own startup, Atipica, which uses AI to help tech companies find and hire diverse candidates in an unbiased manner.

