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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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| • Java | • HTML5 | • CSS3 |
| • jQuery | • JavaScript | • JDBC Template |
| • Spring Boot | • XML | • AJAX |
| • SQL | • JSON | • Unit Testing |

EXPERIENCE

Java Apprentice | The Software Guild | 2020 - 2021

- Completed an intensive, full-stack software development program with a focus in Java.
- Built a vending machine simulator web app using AJAX, JavaScript, CSS, and HTML.
- Developed a full-stack web app that records superhero sightings. The app stores and displays data provided by the user via Bootstrap forms and Thymeleaf. It uses JDBC queries to perform functions and manipulate data, and is structured using Spring. The app was designed using CSS and HTML.
- Drafted a program that simulates an ordering system for a flooring company. The program handles complex business logic using a service layer that calculates total cost by using state tax, square footage, material, and labor cost.
- Created a random number guessing game that sends API calls and uses JSON to serialize and record generated numbers, user guesses, time of post, and result. Utilizes a service layer to validate data and perform business logic.

Musician | Freelance | 2015 - present

- Plays live shows, tours, and festivals in venues varying from local, national, and international markets.
- Manages itinerary, logistics, and financial guarantees for independent and group bookings.
- Promotes gigs, media, and merchandise to increase sales, growth, and influence for independent brands.
- Recorded studio session music with various artists.

Bartender / Server | Pizza Luce | 2011 - 2020

- Used POS system to accurately place orders, complete business transactions, and ensure quality service.
- Exhibited strong communication and problem-solving skills to promptly provide accurate order information between customers and kitchen staff.
- Maintained customer satisfaction by performing timely table check-ins to assess food and beverage needs.
- Increased sales and maintained repeat customers through extensive food and drink menu knowledge.

EDUCATION

2020 - 2021 | The Software Guild | Minneapolis

- Professional training in Full-Stack Development with a focus in Java.

2019 - 2020 | Normandale Community College | Bloomington

- 4.0 GPA pursuing the Computer Science Transfer Pathway curriculum.

2011 - 2012 | The Institute of Production and Recording | Minneapolis

- 3.6 GPA. Awarded Dean's List Spring 2012.

2008 - 2009 | Minnesota State University, Mankato | Mankato

- Percussion Ensemble