

Daniel Acevedo

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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

June 2024

Art & Design: Games and Playable Media

University of California, Santa Cruz

- GPA 3.97
- Relevant Coursework: Interactive Storytelling, Game Design Practicum, Computer Programming for the Arts, Illustrating Stories, Character Creation for Video Games, Game Design Studio, Generative Design, User Experience

Associate of Science for Transfer (A.S.-T)

May 2022

Computer Science

Mt. San Jacinto College

- Relevant Coursework: Creative Writing, Java Programming, Python Programming, Data Structures and Algorithms, Discrete Structures, Computer Organization and Assembly Language, Interpersonal Communication

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Game User Interaction and Intelligence Lab

August 2023 - Present

University of California, Santa Cruz

- Under the supervision of Dr. Magy Seif El-Nasr, actively contributed to the lab's overarching focus on advancing technological, methodological, and design innovations for social impact in gaming
- Led the narrative development and design of LUX 2.0, an Alternate Reality Game designed to explore coping behaviors, emotion regulation, and well-being among college students
- Contributed to the design of a serious game that aims to encourage sustainable behavior change in the context of rising sea levels

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Administrative Specialist

September 2022 - Present

UCSC Veterans Resource Center

- Provided guidance and support to military-connected students, aiding them in accessing educational benefits and maximizing campus resources effectively

- Collaborated seamlessly within the team to drive the accomplishment of organizational objectives and targets
- Efficiently manage schedules and calendars, ensuring optimal time utilization and smooth task coordination
- Contributed to the creation of a proposal by gathering and incorporating student feedback, and successfully advocated for a substantial budget increase from \$8,000 to \$37,000 within a single year

VA Certifying Official Admin. Assistant

June 2023 - September 2023

UCSC Office of the Registrar

- Processed and submitted VA educational benefits, utilizing manual data entry to validate enrollment, tuition, academic plans, demographic information, and course dates
- Advised military-connected students and dependents on accessing VA educational benefits

Team Leader

September 2015 - August 2019

United States Army

- Oversaw the health and welfare of 100 assigned personnel
- Maintained medical records and patient information
- Managed supplies and equipment worth over \$500,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of California, Santa Cruz

- Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship
- Certificate of Distinguished Accomplishment for Excellence in Equity & Education
- Dean's Honors List
- Nike HSI Scholarship
- Sylvia Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Vets 4 Vets Santa Cruz Memorial Scholarship

Mt. San Jacinto College

- President's Honors List

United States Army

- Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ Campaign Star
- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Commendation Medal w/ C Device
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- NATO Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Parachutist Badge

VOLUNTEER WORK

President December 2022 - Present

UCSC Student Veterans Association

- Founded a student organization to build a meaningful community for student veterans and other military-connected students
- Succeeded in becoming recognized as an official chapter of Student Veterans of America

Scholarship Committee Member June 2023 - Present

Vets 4 Vets Santa Cruz

- Actively contribute to a local non-profit organization, collaborating in event planning and fundraising efforts dedicated to supporting veterans' causes
- Selected as a recipient of the inaugural Vets 4 Vets Scholarship, leading to my subsequent appointment as a member of the the scholarship committee
- As a member of the scholarship committee, played a key role in the selection process, ultimately awarding \$5,000 to five recipients

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student Veterans of America National Conference

Nashville, TN - January 2024

Yosemite Veterans Education and Leadership Seminar

Yosemite National Park - September 2023

Student Veterans of America Regional Summit

Sacramento, CA - August 2023

Writer's Block Party

Austin, TX - July 2023

Student Veterans of America National Conference

Orlando, FL - January 2023

SKILLS

Programming Languages:

- Java, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, C#

Game Engines:

- Blender, Godot, RenPy, RPG Maker, Twine, Unity

Languages:

- Fluent in English and Spanish

Other:

- GitHub, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Zoom
- Mac OS, Windows OS