# MARIA ZAPATA

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA (USF)

Bachelor of Science-Computer Science,

Expected May 2023

Tampa, FL

Overall GPA: 3.91/4.0

UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE (UN)

Expected June 2023

Bachelor's degree- Systems Engineering,

Bag, COL

• Distinguished student - GPA: 4.68/5.0

UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE

Expected June 2023

Bachelor's degree-Pure Mathematics,

Baq, COL

• Distinguished student - GPA: 4.68/5.0

Honors in University: Recipient of the USF International Transfer Student Scholarship, Recipient of "Orgullo Caribe" Scholarship, Part of the Dean's list since 2018 due to the GPA.

#### **SKILLS**

Tools and technologies Java, Python, Javascript (Full stack MERN) (Web development), ReactJS, NodeJS, HTML, CSS, Matlab, RStudio, Flutter (Dart) (mobile apps), React Native, C#/C/ C++, Webots (robots), SQL, NoSQL, Postgres, MongoDB. Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Complexity, POO, Databases, Compilers, Computer Networks, Data Science, Mobile programming, Operating Systems, Control of mobile robots.

Other Skills: Git, LaTeX, Google Tools, Agile, Scrum, IOS, Linux, Docker, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel), Communication.

Values: Discipline, Leadership, Perseverance, Long-Life Learning, Attention to Detail, and Collaboration.

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), French (Elemental).

#### **PROJECTS**

# Winner project of the "VII Expo Física Uninorte competition" with a mobile app and SMART HOUSE

2019

Project leader, full stack developer

- · Led and implemented a comprehensive Android mobile application for controlling a smart house on a real scale, utilizing Java, Android Studios, and Bluetooth modules, and successfully automated 10+ appliances including lights, fans, coffee machines, and door locks.
- Directed a 23-person team to successfully deploy a \$2M project that encompassed construction, budgeting, programming, and circuit design with agile SCRUM methodologies.

## PassWork: Mobile application for iPhone and Android using Flutter + firebase (NoSQL) to facilitate global company processes

Project leader, full stack developer

Developed an intuitive mobile app that allowed employees to complete daily forms in 3 min, slashing data entry time by 80%, using NoSQL DB with secure and scalable code that met all stability & performance specifications.

# Videogame "Otto" for Global Game Jame

2020

Full stack developer

- Developed a videogame with a team of 10 professionals with diverse backgrounds within a 48-hours timeframe for a competition.
- Built Unity game "Otto" in C#, allowing users to experience the adventure of Otto rescuing Earth-like Mario Bross.

## Desktop app and game, "Disney Akinator"

2020

Full stack developer

- Developed a game featuring Mickey Mouse, deploying an approach to Artificial Intelligence algorithms to guess player character choices with 80% accuracy.
- · Interactive guessing game based on the original video game, Akinator. Using Java to accurately predict users' thoughts, utilizing binary trees and graphs for data storage and accuracy.

# Final Project: Machine learning to analyze stock market data, using python

current

· Optimize the decision-making process using machine learning and historic datasets to reach better investments.

## **HONORS**

## First in the regional Mathematics Competition, at school, in the upper-level category

2016

2018

Math competition to challenge your advanced math skills at high school level

Universidad Antonio Nariño; Bq, Col

Featured in the newspaper "El Heraldo" (Barranquilla's newspaper) as a student with exceptional talents The rector of the IDPHU school called outstanding students in academic skills for an interview with the Heraldo newspaper Bag, Col

## Earned top scores on state test (Prueba Saber Pro)

2022

Scored in the 100th percentile in both Computer science and all professional careers in the national test used to measure the degree of progress of students near the end of a professional program

## LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

## MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (SHPE)

Current

Member of SHPE for the University of South Florida Chapter Attended National Conference in Charlotte, 2022

Association for Computing Machinery(ACM) Universidad del Norte

2021-2022

**Executive Board and Treasurer** 

Successfully developed plans for financing 100% of virtual and in-person events and planned workshops to help members improve their skills.