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# Dear Future Employer:

First of all, thanks for taking the time to read my cover letter. I’m sure you see hundreds of these all day long, and taking that fraction of your time just to read mine means more than you know. You’re the real MVP here! To go along with that, I’m sure many of those cover letters belong to resumes of talented developers with years of professional experience. I have yet to obtain years of ‘professional’ experience, since that’s exactly what I’m after. But where I lack in quantity, I DO make up for in quality. Let me tell you about the experience I DO have and why you should invest in me!

About 4 years ago, after getting my Bachelor’s Degree in Biomed and working at a hospital, I determined that being a doctor was actually not what I wanted to do in life. I have always been into tech and computers and loved designing things. Web Development just made sense, not to mention the schooling wasn’t nearly as long and I could make just as much money! I set out and obtained my degree in Web Development, but I didn’t feel like I learned much. I heard about Lambda school and went for it. More coding experience can’t hurt, right?

In those 9 months at Lambda, many things happened. I worked with multiple different teams of different developers, diving into React and Node, learning how to build RESTful API’s and beautiful, fully responsive web applications. I became well advanced with GIT and using proper git I learned how to plan a project from scratch start to finish. I learned how to use different styling libraries and preprocessors, what a reducer even was and how to implement it.

Then, they hired me as a Team Lead. I became a leader, and helped the new students learn what I’ve already been taught, just building my knowledge even further. React, Python, JavaScript, LESS/SASS, Redux, NodeJS to name a few. A lot of powerful languages I love working with that I am confident enough to now teach to student developers. I have developed strong collaboration abilities and fostered a reputation as a key contributor through critical thinking and leadership skills.

After that, I became a Section Lead. I am now in charge of a group of 8 team leads, around 90 developers, and their current projects and frameworks. I review their code as they work through developing a MUD type game using Python and Django. I am the main communication between stakeholders, design engineers and upper management for all these teams. I make sure any concern is addressed within a timely manner, push for deadlines, and help keep the teams productive and goal-oriented.

There’s so much more I’d love to be able to demonstrate and discuss with you. Not only have I learned many different languages, I’ve solidified my understanding of them enough to be able to teach and build new teams as well. I know how to work in a team environment and know how to Google any other time. Things change often, especially in the tech world, and I’m always striving to keep learning and make myself a better developer. I just need the MVP’s like you to believe in the little guys like me without a ton of professional experience. I look forward to helping each other out!

Yours truly (and hopefully soon),

Danielle O’Neal

*Full Stack Developer*

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# Experience

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| November 2019 - CurrentSection Lead (SL) – Lambda Labs, Lambda School  * Guide and train team leads and their teams of 5-15 student developers to create impressive and successful software applications. * Ensure proper completion of all paperwork required of team leads and student developer teams and conduct regular evaluation of team lead and student progress via 1:1 sessions. * Reinforce company and school wide policies among team leads and student developers. * Coordinate meetings between management, stakeholders and the developer teams to ensure full project completion is on schedule. * Attend daily management meetings to address concerns and any hinderances to ensure healthy product completion times for student dev teams. |
| July 2019 – January 2020Team Lead (TL), Lambda School  * Assist the instruction team by reviewing code, consulting with students, providing regular assessment of student progress, and provide opportunities for students to enhance their technical skills. * Complete and submit daily attendance reports, module 1:1s and project reviews for every student. * Participate in weekly TL All Hands meetings and daily TL stand-up meetings. * Work with students/TLs/SLs to create an environment that promotes professionalism, technical skill development, personal responsibility, and community accountability. * Know, communicate, and coordinate support for students via Student Success escalation process and keep supervisors informed about student problems and concerns.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | SkillsHTML/HTML5  CSS/CSS3  PostgreSQL  PHP/Laravel  JavaScriptReact Native Node.JS  LESS/SASS  PythonDjango |  |  Aug 2016 – Mar 2017Web Manager, Lily chic boutique  * Maintain fully functional e-commerce website including design, hosting, inventory, sales, financials, invoicing and organizing. * In charge of social media marketing and promotion.  Education2019Full Stack Web Development, Lambda School2019ASA – Web Development, CGTC2018BSA – Biomedical science, Fscj2016 |