

# Aaron Funes

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## Education

- **Northwestern University** **GPA: 3.2** Evanston, IL  
*BA in Physics, Minor in Italian Studies* June, 2020  
**Course Work:** Calc 1-4; Linear Algebra; Ordinary Diff Eqs; Fourier Analysis; Condensed Matter Physics; Classical Mech 1-2; Quantum Mech 1-2; Electrodynamics 1; Advanced & Optical Physics Lab; Comp Sci 110  
**Awards:** Questbridge Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, J.S. & Helen James Scholar
- **Syracuse Abroad: Florence** Florence, Italy  
Course Work: Advanced Italian Conversation September-December 2019

## Skills

- **Programming:** JavaScript, HTML, CSS, React JS, Python, NumPy, R, rvest, tidyverse, GitHub, Gitbash
- **Misc:** Fluent in Spanish and Italian, Intermediate French, Microsoft Office Suite, Ableton Live

## Work Experience

- **STEMPod Startup** Chicago, IL  
*Head Researcher for Service Development* August 2020-December 2021
  - Researched and developed strategies for streamlining and improving tutoring services, deficiencies in business operations, and expansion of the STEMPod platform
  - Aided in the development and production of the STEMPod Leaders Podcast which hosted guest speakers such as Dr. Anthony Fauci and Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Rainer Weiss
  - Established Partnership with CPS school Currie Highschool and other high schools in New York*Composer/Producer* August 2020-Present
  - Composed, recorded, and produced music for the STEMPod Leaders Podcast
- **Northwestern Institute for Policy Research** Evanston, IL  
*Meta Analyst Research Assistant* June-August 2019
  - Programmed a web scraper (in R) for data retrieval and database compilation for around 500 different educational researchers and their contributions on published psychological journals
  - Compiled data sets for standard physical units with their corresponding uncertainty conditions for usage in a current study of the heterogeneity of effects sizes
- **Vector Marketing (South Loop Office)** Chicago, IL  
*Sales Representative* June-August 2017
  - Developed communication, presentation, and time management skills through customer relations
  - Firsthand experience with negotiation and sales; boosted team sales by 18%
  - Established and helped foster a cohesive team dynamic in the office

## Learning Experience

- **Data Structures and Algorithms on Code Academy** Chicago, IL
  - Learned the fundamentals of Data Structures such as nodes, linked lists, trees, etc and the corresponding algorithms utilized to deal with them
- **Chicago Board of Exchange** Chicago, IL  
*Stock Options Mentee* March-May 2016
  - Worked with executive board members to understand the principles of stock options such as calls, puts, breakeven points, and market trends

## Extracurricular Activities

- **Charlie's Bane** Chicago, IL  
*Mixing/Mastering Engineer for single, "I lay"* July-September 2020
- **.Wav Production Company (On Campus Music Organization Club)** Evanston, IL  
*Events Committee Director* September 2017-Present
  - Boosted attendance by 15% to both university and local venues organized by the .Wav Production Company