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Summary

Front-End and Back-End Developer with a background in Linguistics and Education who seeks to use expertise in language to better communicate with app and website users. Full (MERN) stack certificate received from the University of Pennsylvania. Recently worked remotely in a group of four to develop an app that allows users to create a variety of personal goals, from professional to personal, for themselves, as well as connect with and support other users with similar goals. Looking forward to working in a collaborative environment with other developers on a variety of challenging and rewarding projects, using my professional background and experiences thus far to provide end-users of responsive apps with powerful and pleasant online experiences.

Technical Skills

Languages: HTML, CSS (and various CSS frameworks like Bootstrap, Bulma, Materialize, etc.), JavaScript, jQuery, API client-side server calls (AJAX), HTTP calls, JSON, Node.JS and NPM packages, MySql/Sequelize, Mongo/Mongoose, ReactJS, GIT, Github, CLI

Projects

Breaking Bread
Github: https://github.com/ksmera01/Breaking-Bread
Deployed Project: https://breaking-bread-donate.herokuapp.com/
- A full-stack app designed to link individuals or organizations with hunger-related needs with individuals or organizations with the ability to meet those needs.
- In working remotely with my three team members, our roles often overlapped. I was primarily focused on the front-end of the project, handling appearance and responsiveness using Handlebars and CSS languages.

Goal Getter
Github: https://github.com/mnicolai20/GoalGetter
Deployed Project: https://goal-getters.herokuapp.com/
- A full-stack app designed to connect users with similar goals as well as simply allow users to describe and save their goals, deleting them when they have been achieved.
- Working remotely with my three team members, I handled the front-end technology using ReactJS.

Covid Activities
Github: https://github.com/jbenj-upenn/CovidActivities
Deployed Project: https://jbenj-upenn.github.io/CovidActivities/

- A front-end app designed to allow users to search APIs for new recipes to try at home or new books to read and discuss with other users.
- Working remotely with my three team members, all of our roles overlapped during this project, utilizing JavaScript for the most part, as well as CSS and HTML.

Experience

- *Freelance Muralist/Artist, 2000-Present*
  - Develop and execute professional murals for commissioned projects
- *English Adjunct Professor, University of Pennsylvania, 2013-2020*
  - Plan and carry out a variety of courses in the English Language Program
- *English Adjunct Professor, Drexel University, 2010-2020*
  - Plan and carry out a variety of courses in the First-Year Writing Program
- *English Adjunct Professor, Millersville University, 2016-2017*
  - Plan and carry out a Transformational Grammar course
- *English Adjunct Professor, Harrisburg Area Community College, 2012-2013*
  - Plan and carry out a variety of courses in reading and writing for non-native English speakers
- *Spanish Teacher/English as a Second Language Teacher, La Academia, 2009-2010*
  - Plan and carry out a Spanish class as well as several English classes; used a "push-in" model to assist non-native English speaking students in the classroom
- *Spanish Teacher, Living Word Academy, 2003-2008*
  - Plan and carry out a classes for all five levels of high school Spanish
- *Bartender, Stoner's Grille, 2018-2020*
  - Efficiently and cordially prepared beverages for customers
- *Bartender, Federal Taphouse, 2016-2019*
  - Efficiently and cordially prepared beverages for customers

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Education

- *University of Pennsylvania/Trilogy Educational Services, 2020-* received certificate as a full-stack computer developer. We will have covered HTML; CSS and CSS frameworks (e.g., Bootstrap, Bulma, Materialize); JavaScript; jQuery; Web, Third-Party, and Server-Side APIs; NodeJs and its common packages (e.g., Express, FS); MySQL and Sequelize; Mongo and Mongoose; and React.
- *West Chester University, 2010-* West Chester, PA; earned a Master's of Arts in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language); **Cumulative GPA- 4.0/4.0**
- *Millersville University, 2003-* Millersville, PA; earned a double major Bachelor's of Arts in English Linguistics and ESL (English as a Second Language) with a Spanish minor; **Cumulative GPA- 3.54/4.0**