Hi! My name is Lauren Lazzaro. I am an Executive Assistant and Customer Service Professional working to make a career transition to Web Development.

I became familiar with computers at an early age, thanks to my dad - who was an IT manager for Anheuser Busch for many years and always had to have the latest technology at home. As a result, I have always been good at picking up on new computer programs. For example, when I started as the Executive Assistant of KidSmart, no one on staff knew how to make changes to the website, so I took it upon myself to figure it out.

The first time I logged into the website, I was blown away! It was the first time I had ever seen code before. I read the code to the best of my ability, looking for items that needed to be updated. I made sure not to touch any of the code, and just updated the out-of-date information between opening and closing tags. But I was definitely intrigued by it, so I spent some time trying to read the code and figure it out! It was through this experience that I became interested in Web Development.

For my capstone project, I decided to create an Adventure Guide for kayakers, which I named “Kayak Fanatic”. Essentially, I want this application to be a complete guide to kayaking. It will include a mileage tracker, to keep track of how far you’ve traveled; float finders, with information about nearby lakes and rivers; a beginner’s guide to kayaking; packing lists; and a matchmaking quiz that beginners can take to find the best kayaks to fit their needs. I also plan to add a way for viewers to contribute their input, such as adding photos and reviews of lakes and rivers, and a way to upload current water conditions to inform other kayakers as they plan their next adventure.