# FERNANDO ROJO

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences

Philadelphia, PA

Candidate for Bachelor of Arts in Economics

August 2018

Minor: Mathematics

Relevant coursework: Venture Implementation (Wharton MBA course, received top score), Calculus III, Linear Algebra, Econometrics, Probability, Intermediate Macroeconomics

## **Community High School**

Ann Arbor, MI

High School Diploma

June 2014

Valedictorian, Varsity Soccer Captain, Boys' State Lieutenant Governor, National Honors Society

# **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

**PATOS Shoes** 

Lima, Peru

Summer 2016 - Present

- Founder & CEO Bootstrapped company from idea to hiring 12 local artisans in Peru and selling 3,000+ units in 15 countries
  - Established brand partnership with J.Crew to sell products in physical retail through in-store pop-up shops
  - Generated \$60,255 revenue in one month on Kickstarter to launch company without venture funding
  - Received features in Forbes, NBC News, Huffington Post, Refinery29, CNBC, Buzzfeed, Inc. Magazine; contributed guest post in Business Insider that reached over 44,000 views
  - Built self-sufficient international supply chain linking Peruvian villages with distribution in New York
  - Designed and prototyped over 200 sneaker iterations; build custom e-commerce website on Shopify

**No Labels** Washington, D.C.

Marketing Intern

Summer 2015

Created press briefings and interview outlines for governors and top political figures for the No Labels radio show

### **TECHINCAL PROJECTS**

PrettyCo.in

November 2017

- Developed cryptocurrency data visualization platform with HTML, SCSS, and jQuery, using both real-time and historical data
- Received features on Nasdaq.com and Hackernoon.com
- Published at http://PrettyCo.in

Panda

October 2017

- Built dynamic website creator with HTML, SCSS, jQuery to combine simplicity of WYSIWYG editor with customizability of custom-coded static websites
- Github repository: <a href="https://github.com/nandorojo/panda">https://github.com/nandorojo/panda</a>

**Shopify Expert** 

September 2017

- Launched experimental e-commerce brand that generated \$2,500+ in daily revenue with 75% gross profit and 20% net
- Designed and optimized website with pay-per-click advertisements to achieve 14% conversion rate, compared to 1-2% industry average

#### **SPEAKING EVENTS AND AWARDS**

**Speaking Events:** University of Pennsylvania State of the University with President Amy Gutmann; The Wharton School; keynote at Yale Young Global Scholars; Ross School of Business; Puerto Rico's Cenas Empresariales Awards: Forbes Under 30 Scholar; Inc. Magazine's Top 16 College Startups in America; CNBC's Top 5 College Startups; Wharton Innovation Fund Grant (awarded twice); PennApps Accelerator Grant

### **SKILLS AND INTEREST**

**Skills:** Proficient in HTML, SCSS and jQuery; familiar with JavaScript, R, econometric models, Photoshop, Illustrator, Figma; public speaking; fluent in Spanish; public relations

**Interests:** Entrepreneurship, e-commerce, web and product design, typography, mathematics, cryptocurrency trends, freestyle rapping, Argentine soccer