# NIK VAN BAAK

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### LANGUAGES & TECHNOLOGIES

• HTML

Javascript

• CSS

• Node.js

### **AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

• Served as Project Manager for a project that won the Best Presentation and People's Choice awards

# **EMPLOYMENT**

### • ABA Therapist, Humble, TX; Including Kids

2019-2020

- Taught behavioral, social, and developmental skills to autistic individuals (ages 4-25) in a clinical setting by identifying learner motivations and using that to modify behavior
- Adapted rapidly to changes in client scheduling and programming to deliver high-quality therapy to unfamiliar clients
- Recorded electronic data on client behavior; used that data to monitor therapy success and make adjustments where needed

# • Registered Behavior Technician, Bothell, Washington; APPLE Consulting

2018-2019

- Performed ABA therapy in clients' home environments
- Built rapport and problem-solved with client stakeholders
- Coordinated with supervisor in and out of session to assess client motivation, implement programs, and manage challenging parent relations

### • Peer Mentor, Bellevue, Washington; Autism Spectrum Navigator program

2017-2018

 Conducted weekly meetings with autistic students to assist their development of executive function, self-advocacy, self-regulation, and social interaction

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

• Research Assistant, Seattle, Washington; Seattle Pacific University

2017-2018

- Contributed to a study on anti-ageism interventions by converting survey data to a digital format and running statistical analysis using SPSS
- Crisis Line Phone Worker, Seattle, Washington; Crisis Clinic

2016-2019

 Took phone calls from clients with problems ranging from emotional distress to acute suicidality; used active listening to establish rapport with clients, relieve distress, and explore the problem; problem-solved with clients

### **SOFT SKILLS**

- Public speaking and communication skills: 7 years of experience in speech and debate
- Able to communicate with minds very different from my own through experience with autism
- Excellent relational skills, fast learner, team player

## **EDUCATION**

• Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington; BA in Psychology

Jun 2018

• UW Coding Bootcamp, Seattle, Washington

Dec 2020