Since I was a young girl, I was always surrounded by technology. Whether it was painting in MS paint, watching YouTube videos, playing games, or simply helping family members with technological issues. Thus, I knew that for a future career I wanted to work with anything that had to do with the digital world. In high school, there were no programs to help me learn how to code nor did I had teachers that could have been mentors to teach me. But, I still had a passion with working with tech. It was not until college, that I was given the opportunity to explore my career interests further.

I attended Arrupe College of Loyola University from 2015-2017 – a two-year college program that helped first generation and low-income students afford a college education. During my time, I gained a variety of knowledge in diverse disciplinaries: ethics, environmental science, politics, communication, and many more. I graduated in 2017 with a A.A in Liberal Arts. I transferred to Loyola University in 2017 with hopes that I could learn more about coding. I learned languages like Python and Java. Additionally, I am involved with the organization Girls Who Code in which I mentor students about being a woman in tech, support them in their journey through STEM, and teach them how to code! I was also given the opportunity to learn CSS/HTML thanks to this organization. In 2018, I changed my major to Digital Media with a Computer Science minor and focused on web design and development; I will graduate in December 2019. My dream is to work in UX/UI design job and continue to provide my best design planning skills and customer service experience to clients.

I am a quiet, soft-spoken person, but I can be more dynamic once you get to know me! Some of the things I enjoy in my free time are watching Youtube, listening to music, playing video games, and hugging my dogs.

I am a curious mind and I love to learn new things about the world through documentaries, watching news media, and keeping up with current events.

Gaming is very near to my heart, and even if it sounds odd, gaming was one of the influences that pushed me into design. Click here to read a blog post on how that was possible. But overall, I love gaming because I get to spend time with friends and have fun!

Lastly, I cannot finish this without saying that I love my dogs! I am so lucky that I have two beautiful and huggable furry friends.

I am a very hard worker and I always deliver an assignment or project with more than 100% effort. I am always looking for learning opportunities, and if I do not know how to do a certain task, I surround myself with all the necessary tools to successfully learn a new skill.

Part of the reason I am into design is because I love observed the little details in projects, and always strive to make them look better. I constantly research for inspiration and never discard ideas that might be helpful in the future. While I do like making things pretty, I also am aware of ways my design ideas can be user friendly. I like putting myself in other people’s shoes and think of myself as the client interacting with my project. From there, I analyze things that can be improved and think of ideas that can help me deliver that improvement.

Teamwork is essential for me. I believe that working with many people with different experience, design, and development backgrounds can add diverse tools to our idea’s toolbox. I value everyone’s point of view and attention to detail. I cannot name how many times I have worked in projects where talking to teammates made the whole group come up with better ideas, learn from problems, create amazing projects, and become better designers/developers!

Lastly, having spend a lot of knowledge in social justice, ethics, communication, and critical thinking, I am observant of how technology interacts and impacts society. I think it is important to be informed about social issues that occur in STEM and digital industries. In my internship with Loyola’s Communication SIMLab, I blog and research a lot about how these disciplinaries cross paths. I hope to be socially conscious about how my future digital designs affect the population.