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## Education

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- ❖ Launch School - *Fundamentals focused programming school* (Remote) *July 2022-Current*
  - Currently completing back-end Ruby course
- ❖ Scrimba - *Frontend coding school* (Remote) *July 2022-August 2022*
  - Completed Java, HTML, and CSS courses
- ❖ University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) *August 2018 - June 2022*
  - Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) in Sociology and (B.A.) in Writing and Literature
  - Conducted coursework in research methods, presentation development, public speaking, professional and creative writing, and basic statistics

## Writing Positions

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### Scrimba - Freelance Writer

*August 2022 - Present*

- ❖ Wrote one article for the online coding school Scrimba
- ❖ Curated a list of 20 projects for beginner web developers and created graphic mockups for 8

### Word Magazine - General Staff and Poetry Editor

*March - June 2021 and 2022*

- ❖ Worked in collaboration with artists and multiple editors on 25+ person magazine staff
- ❖ Gathered and vetted poetry submissions to be published in magazine
- ❖ Performed 10+ professional interviews with community members and students
- ❖ Provided feedback, copyedited, and content edited for other writer's articles.
- ❖ Managed twitter posts and collaborated with a team to provide direction for the issue.

### Transverse Reading Project, Isla Vista CA - Intern

*September 2020 - March 2021*

- ❖ Participated in weekly intern meetings, learned how to utilize project software and navigate special research collections at UCSB library
- ❖ Encoded 20+ books and "Choose your own adventure" style stories into decision webs using project specific software to contribute to Tranverse Reading Gallery
- ❖ Developed new systems to encode different forms of multimedia stories

### The Bottom Line Newspaper, Isla Vista CA - Staff Writer

*October 2018 - June 2019*

- ❖ Worked with various section editors to pitch and complete 9 articles in various genres: social commentary, food reviews, event reviews, app reviews
- ❖ Conducted interviews, reached out to local companies and school administrators, attended events, and performed extensive journalistic research.

## Work Experience

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### America Reads America Counts, Goleta CA - Tutor

*October 2019 - August 2020*

- ❖ Tutored children at an afterschool program at El Camino Elementary school.
- ❖ Oversaw 30+ children; helping them with homework, supervising them during recesses and activities.
- ❖ Produced weekly scheduled activities in collaboration with other staff.

## Publications and Awards

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- ❖ "20 achievable JavaScript project ideas for beginner web developers." *Scrimba*, August 2022. <https://scrimba.com/articles/beginners-javascript-project-ideas/>
- ❖ "Stealing Back Inches." *WORD*, no. 44, Fall 2021, pp. 20–22.
- ❖ "Summer in Forest Grove, OR." *Spectrum Summer Edition*, 2021, p. 101.
- ❖ "Old Shirt Filled With Holes." *Vagabond Multilingual Literary Journal*, Spring 2020, p. 7.
- ❖ "Two Step." *Matchbox Magazine*, no. 15, 2021, p. 40.