# DARLA VALDERRAMA

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SKILLS SQL, Python, R, SAS, Data Manipulation (Pandas, NumPy), Data Visualization (Tableau, Seaborn, Matplotlib), Statistical Learning, Predictive Modeling, Machine Learning (Scikit-Learn), Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), ETL Processes, MongoDB, MySQL, Jupyter Notebook, Fluent in Spanish

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Data Science, Minor in Computer Science – College of Charleston

December 2024

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Data Analyst Intern – Buena Ola Capital

Brooklyn, NY June – August 2021

- Led a team project using Python in Google Colab to interpret data and analyze results, employing advanced statistical techniques within the triple bottom line framework, driving valuable insights for sustainable decision-making.
- Performed ETL operations on complex datasets using SQL and BeautifulSoup, generating well-structured CSV files for predictive financial models using Alphalens, resulting in a 15% boost in model accuracy and increasing forecasting precision.
- Researched lobbying data and explored correlations with companies' relative returns, utilizing advanced data visualization techniques and time series analysis, resulting in actionable insights for strategic investment decisions for firm.

## Data Analyst Intern – International Foundation for Electoral Systems, IFES

Arlington, VA

June - August 2021

- Provided insights into trends impacting IFES programs by identifying key factors leading to positive outcomes, supporting strategic decision-making with relevant data.
- Leveraged SQL to gather and analyze demographic data, collaborating with the Ambassadors Subcommittee and Anti-Racist Task Force to facilitate IFE's efforts to expand diversity and global inclusivity.
- Documented processes and findings in technical reports to support internal and external stakeholders.

### **Technical Support Specialist – TD Bank**

Greenville, SC

April 2022 – September 2024

- Explored data to resolve complex customer issues and escalate high-risk transactions, while providing expert advice on banking products and services, and implementing data validation and testing procedures.
- Engaged with clients through multiple channels (chat, phone, email) to guide them through consumer banking services, focusing on effective problem-solving for a broad range of financial transactions, improving customer satisfaction by 23%.

#### **PROJECTS**

LLM Fine-Tuning Interface - Querri (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js, JavaScript, VSCode)

Charleston, SC

January – June 2024

- Co-developed a browser-based interface to streamline the creation and management of training datasets for AI model finetuning, reducing dataset creation time by 31%.
- Achieved a 20% gain in model training efficiency by through extensive work with OpenAl's generative pre-trained models and opensource alternatives like Llama and Mistral.
- Enhanced leadership and collaboration by rotating roles, including Scrum Master, in an Agile environment. Presented project results to over 50 CEOs and Product Owners.